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Police probe rape

THE gang-rape of a 14-year-old girl in the Hawalli area is being investigated by Kuwait's public prosecution, according to security sources.

Initial reports indicate that the girl, an intermediate school student, whose name and other particulars have not been disclosed, had been reported to security authorities as missing for two days by her father. The girl, however, turned up home and told her parents that two youths had taken her to an apartment and raped her in the Salma area.

The two youths were brought in for questioning, confessed and guided police to two other youths said to have also been implicated. Additionally, the girl informed police about the names of other youths and their areas of residence who she claimed also raped her.

In all 15 youths have been accused of the crime and are presently being investigated, security sources said.

Desai loses

BOMBAY, Oct 7, (Reuters): Former Indian Prime Minister Morarji Desai, 94 years old and in poor health, will fight on to clear his name of charges that he spied for the United States, his son said today.

Kanti Desai said fresh legal action would be taken next week. A Chicago jury ruled yesterday in favour of author Seymour Hersh in a \$100-million libel case.

Desai was unable to come to the telephone to comment, and his son said lawyers would either petition for a fresh trial or appeal to a higher court.

Hersh alleged in his 1983 book "The Price of Power" that Desai was paid \$20,000 a year in the 1960s to betray Indian secrets to the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

"My father has already said this is all lies," Kanti Desai said. The former prime minister rarely appears in public and was too frail to travel from his Bombay home to Chicago to give evidence in the case.

Kanti Desai said the verdict angered Chicago's Indian community, which paid for the libel action.

Hersh, a Pulitzer prizewinning author, said the verdict showed that a reporter can on confidential sources to say even a former prime minister is an asset of the CIA, and get sued and win."

Pope visits South Korea

SEOUL, Oct 7, (AP): Pope John Paul II opened an Asian pilgrimage today by calling for an end to the bitter ideological struggle between North Korea and South Korea.

About 1,000 dissidents and radical students staged an anti-government rally at Sogang University in western Seoul to urge the Pope to speak out on human rights abuses in South Korea.

An equal number of riot police surrounded the campus, but made no move to halt the protest. The protesters dispersed peacefully after demanding the release of jailed dissidents, including South Korean clergymen charged with visiting North Korea for unification talks.

Iraqi finance minister fired

BAGHDAD, Oct 7, (Reuters): Iraqi Finance Minister Hikmat Omar Mukhail was dismissed today by President Saddam Hussein.

A presidential decree read over Baghdad television gave no reasons. A decree also said that acting Agriculture and Irrigation Minister Abdullah Bader Dunuk, in office for only seven months, had lost his job.



Bette Davis

Hundreds chant 'freedom'

EAST BERLIN, Oct 7, (Reuters): Hundreds of young East Germans chanting "Gorby, Gorby" and "freedom, freedom," marched through East Berlin today to a hall where Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was due to attend a reception.

Police sealed off the front of the palace of the republic, where fights were burning for the reception marking the end of his visit for East Germany's 40th anniversary.

The protesters also called out "new forum," the name of an independent reform group, and "cops out" and "Stasi (secret police) out."

East Germany has been hit in recent weeks by the exodus of over 45,000 people to the West and rising dissent at home.

The hardline communist state has deployed police and plain clothes Stasi secret police in strength to thwart protests.

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Etna spewing

Mount Etna volcano spewing smoke with ash and black dust covering its slopes early yesterday. Etna, Europe's tallest and most active volcano, has been erupting since September 11. (Reuters wirephoto)

Keep religion out of politics: Hussein

AMMAN, Oct 7, (Reuters): King Hussein, addressing the Jordanian people ahead of general election campaign, pointed to Lebanon today as an example of the danger of mixing religion and politics.

"Our (Arab) nation stands today before new hostile attempts to dismember it along sectarian and religious lines," the king said. "This is a great danger... unequalled by any other danger because it comes from within."

Voting on Nov 8 for an 80-seat lower house will be Jordan's first parliamentary elections in 22 years.

"I don't believe any of you want the experiment to fail. God forbid, through extremism, excesses or fooling around," the king declared.

"We are on the threshold of a new start. We should get to know the nature of the horse we are going to ride... and not get carried away by

enthusiasm... or avoid facing reality."

The king said Muslim-Christian conflict in Lebanon had been aggravated by external non-Arab interference, apparently referring mainly to Iran.

He said religion had been exploited "as a way to achieve political gains and reach power, and as a tool for the execution of the plots of certain foreign countries."

"Naive religious people were organised and

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Fans mourn Bette's death

PARIS, Oct 7, (AP): Colleagues, friends and film fans today mourned the death of Bette Davis, who began her career playing nasty, driven women and died more than a half-century later as one of the world's most beloved film stars.

Miss Davis, 81, died last night at the American Hospital in Paris, a hospital spokesman confirmed today.

The two-time Oscar winning actress was hospitalised while on her way home to west Hollywood, California, from a film festival in San Sebastian, Spain, where she had been honoured for a lifetime of achievement and had won the hearts of the festival audience with her warmth, with and honesty.

In New York, her longtime attorney, Howard Schiff, said she died of cancer that she had been battling since a mastectomy in 1983.

Her doctors knew the cancer had spread and was terminal, he said, but decided to "let her go on going about her business."

Her business was film and over the course of 59 years she starred in some of America's most memorable movies. Among her more than 80 films were "Of Human Bondage," "All About Eve" and "Dark Victory."

She was nominated for the Academy award 10 times and won the best actress award twice—for "Dangerous" in 1935 and "Jezebel" in 1938.

"What a loss," said actress Olivia de Havilland, who worked with Miss Davis in four films, including the 1964 "Hush... Hush, Sweet Charlotte."

"She was a remarkable person to work with, highly professional, innovative, brilliant and quick," said Miss De Havilland, 73. "I thought she had some marvellous personal qualities and I was very fond of her."

In a statement from Los Angeles, former US President Ronald Reagan said that Miss Davis made "some of the most memorable moments in the history of film and touched us in a way few others have. For Bette, acting was more than a profession; it was art."

Actor Charlton Heston paid homage to Miss Davis as "one of the most significant women to shape American film both through her talents as an actress and her spirited character."

Angela Lansbury, who co-starred with Miss Davis in the 1982 television mini-series "Little Gloria, Happy at Last," said the actress was "the last of the great Hollywood stars... she was a beacon of light for all of us who were starting out."

Miss Davis attributed her success more to hard work than genetics and was known for being strong and uncompromising off-screen as some of the characters she portrayed.

"The person who wants to make it has to sweat," she said. "There are no shortcuts. And you've got to have the guts to be hated. That's the hardest part."

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Thailand won't repatriate Burmese hijackers

BANGKOK, Oct 7, (AP): Thailand will not repatriate two Burmese students who hijacked a Burmese airliner while demanding the return of a Burmese student to their homeland, a senior Thai official said today.

Deputy Prime Minister Tiensai Sirisupan, who persuaded the hijackers to surrender peacefully, told a news conference that the students are in the custody of the Thai navy and that officials are considering how to deal with them.

"We will not hurt them. They will not be sent back to Burma," Tiensai said. "The Burmese government also does not want them back. So far

they have not asked for asylum in any country."

The two students seized a Fokker 28 aircraft and 83 hostages during a domestic flight in Burma yesterday afternoon. They ordered the crew to fly to Thailand, where the Turbojet landed at an air force base in Uthapao, southeast of Bangkok.

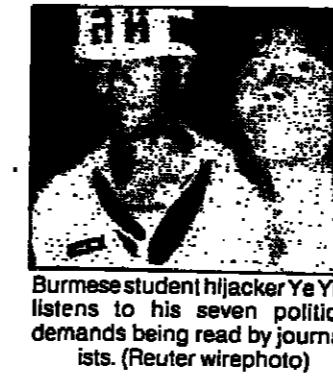
They threatened to blow up the plane, but released their hostages and gave themselves up after about 10 hours of negotiations with Thai and Burmese officials and the reading of a statement to the news media.

Official Rangoon said the aircraft returned to Rangoon today with its 79 passengers and four crew members.

Tiensai identified the hijackers as Ye Tin, 21, a high school student, and Ye Thi Ha, a 25-year-old Rangoon University engineering student.

Tiensai said a remote-controlled explosive device was found on the plane.

After landing, the hijackers reportedly handed Thai authorities a list of seven demands, which included the release of top opposition leader Aung San Sou Kyi, an end to the curfew imposed by the military government and restoration of democracy in Burma.



Burmese student hijacker Ye Tin listens to his seven political demands being read by journalists. (Reuters wirephoto)

Pressure for pullout grows

Lebanese demand guarantees

TAIF, Oct 7, (Agencies): Lebanon's Christian lawmakers meeting to end 14 years of civil war today demanded guarantees of a Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon, with Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun reportedly pressing for a pullout within six months.

Anti-Syrian Sunni Muslim legislators supported Aoun's demands for a Syrian pullout, deepening the deadlock as the deliberations by 63 Lebanese legislators moved into their second week in the western mountain resort town of Taif.

The Maronite Catholics, the dominant Christian sect in Lebanon, want a pledge for the withdrawal of 40,000 Syrian troops from Lebanon before they will agree to political reforms that will give Muslims an equal share of power.

The Arab League, which sponsored the conference, has suggested a Syrian withdrawal from Muslim sectors of Beirut within two years to the Syrian-controlled Bekaa valley in eastern Lebanon after which Damascus could negotiate on troop levels with a new Lebanese government.

The Syrian-backed Muslims have insisted that there could be no pullout until the Christians agreed to the reforms.

Conference sources said Aoun, a Maronite, is pressing for a Syrian pullout within six months.

Syria urged Christian deputies to disregard "threats" by Aoun and endorse political reforms.

The official daily Tishreen said they should ignore general Aoun's attempts to "foil plans for political reform by raising the issue of Syrian withdrawal as a precondition for any talk on reforms."

One of the Sunnis, Abdul Majid Rafi'e, from the northern Syrian-controlled port of Tripoli, told reporters that the Syrians should at least withdraw from Beirut before a parliamentary session scheduled there for later this month to elect a new Lebanese President.

For the second straight day, no formal sessions were scheduled as Arab League mediators sought to find a compromise to break the impasse.

George Suleib, leader of the right-wing Maronite Phalange Party, told reporters King Fahd of Saudi Arabia sent a message to Aoun.

He gave no details, but Aoun's insistence on Syrian withdrawal was seen as a major stumbling block.

Saudis said it was in Syrian interests "to free themselves from the quagmire of Lebanon," but that the issue was one of guarantees rather than fixing a timetable for a Syrian military withdrawal.

The Saudi monarch also wrote to Aoun's rival, acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss, urging him to persuade Muslim deputies to adopt a "unified position towards the charter for national reconciliation," the Kuwaiti news agency (Kuna) reported.

Officials declined to say if they thought he was linked to the reported assassination plot.

A Manila opinion poll showed a majority disagreed with the government ban on allowing Marcos's remains to be buried in the Philippines and rejected suggestions the remains were a security risk.

The Marcos family should return first the bulk of the hidden wealth," he said.

He said the money could be used to help pay back some of the country's \$28 billion foreign debt.

Solicitor General Frank Chavez has ruled out a compromise on the ban, saying Marcos's corpse was a threat to national security.

Two senators revealed details of an alleged plot to kill Aquino that they said was linked to Imelda Marcos.

Senator Ernesto Macea, chairman of the Senate Defense Committee, said the information was based on intelligence reports and telephone taps.

Senator Neptali Gonzales said a plot to destabilise the country and kill Aquino was ready, but the money had not been sent from Hawaii to launch it.

A Philippine army recruit was held for questioning at a military training camp north of Manila yesterday when he was found with a loaded rifle shortly before the arrival of Aquino.

Officials declined to say if they thought he was linked to the reported assassination plot.

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Camilia: angry
Sadat girl calls Hill to move

WASHINGTON, Oct 7, (AP): The daughter of the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, speaking on the eighth anniversary of his assassination, said yesterday the Israeli cabinet's rejection of an Egyptian peace plan was destroying the peace initiative for which her father died.

Camilia Sadat called for the formation of a bipartisan senate delegation that would travel to Israel next month to monitor the effects of the 22-month Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories and to prod the government into accepting the Egyptian proposal.

Camilia was scheduled to meet later in the day with Vice President Dan Quayle and with leading members of the Senate.

Israel's cabinet, voting along partisan lines, earlier in the day rejected the Egyptian plan, which calls for talks between an Israeli and a Palestinian delegation in Cairo. The plan was proposed last month by Sadat's successor, President Hosni Mubarak.

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DAY BY DAY

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Mario Valentino's jacket and trousers in bright red suede will be presented at Milan 1980 spring-summer fashion show today. (Reuter wirephoto)

Brando slams MGM

NEW YORK, Oct 7. (Reuter): Actor Marlon Brando, in his first television interview in 16 years, says that the producers of his latest film, "A Dry White Season," made cuts that softened its strong anti-apartheid message.

Brando said that filmmaker MGM "made decisions about cutting ... which I think diminished the value of the picture."

"They did not take into consideration the benefits that might befall the people in Africa who are suffering as a result of the policies of apartheid. I think they made a money decision."

In his first film since 1980, Brando plays a lawyer aiding a white schoolteacher and a black cabdriver in proving South African police responsibility for killing a young black. The film has been hailed by the critics for a strong anti-racist message.

But Brando was clearly unhappy about scenes cut from the film saying: "If I know corporate executives, especially in the movie business, I know they are thinking of the money ... they are hoping I will go away like some evil wind. But they are mistaken — I will not go away. This is life and death. This is real life."

"I care a great deal about this picture. I hate to see it ruined," he added.

Brando said he contributed his fee to an anti-apartheid group on the understanding that MGM would do the same. But he said it did not.

Americans to march for affordable homes

WASHINGTON, Oct 7. (AP): Housing activists hope to crown a three-day siege of the capital today with the largest march for decent and affordable homes since former President Reagan reduced government subsidies in 1981.

Organisers of the "Housing Now" campaign expect to draw upwards of 100,000 people for the march and rally

at the Defence Department and near the White House.

Jobless street people who sleep on sidewalks and heating grates, young workers striving to buy their first home and celebrity millionaires on leaves of conscience from their Beverly Hills castles were to be among the marchers.

Hundreds knocked on the doors of

Congress and President George Bush's administration earlier in the week, winning some symbolic early concessions with promises of more to come.

That included a remarkable "letter of understanding" Friday from Housing Secretary Jack Kemp after a meeting in his office with Barry Zigan, a march organiser, and a half dozen

homeless people.

"I commit the Housing and Urban Development Department to use the resources at our command to reach our common goal of economic opportunity and decent, affordable housing for all Americans," Kemp wrote.

He pledged:

■ Next year, at least 10 per cent of the

agency's inventory of foreclosed single-family homes will be made available for the homeless. HUD has about 50,000 such homes, meaning that about 5,000 would be targeted. Estimates of the nation's homeless range from 250,000 to four million.

■ The administration will propose changes in the \$2.8 billion in commun-

ity development block grants given to local governments each year "so that they will be used to fight poverty, increase self-sufficiency and opportunity in low-income communities."

■ To "turn the abandoned homes throughout our cities and towns into decent, affordable homes for the homeless and low-income people."

Nam call for special UN session on drugs

Colombia appoints new justice minister

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 7. (Reuter): Thirteen non-aligned countries yesterday requested a high-level special session of the General Assembly on ways of combating illicit drug trafficking.

In a letter to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, they attached a proposed resolution asking him to make arrangements to convene the special session.

No dates were suggested but the draft said it should be at a high political level and should consider as a matter of urgency the question of international co-operation against illicit production, supply, demand,

trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs."

An explanatory memorandum said the drug scourge was a matter of great concern to the international community and recalled that Colombian President Virgilio Barco, in a UN speech on Sept 29, called for a special session to deal with all aspects of the problem.

The current assembly session, which began last month, will first have to put the request on its agenda and then adopt the resolution calling for a special session.

The request was signed by representatives of Algeria, Bolivia, Brazil,

Colombia, Ethiopia, India, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, Peru, Senegal and Yugoslavia.

In other developments, Colombia's new minister of justice was quoted yesterday as saying he supports extraditing suspected drug traffickers to the United States.

The new Justice Minister, Roberto Salazar Manrique, was named to the job late Thursday night — the ninth justice minister in three years. Barco's office also announced new ministers of interior and communications.

Meanwhile, in what was believed to be the latest in a series of attacks by drug traffickers, two bombs exploded in Bogota late Thursday, injuring two people.

Police said bystanders captured one man fleeing from the bombings and turned him over to authorities. The blasts damaged a supermarket and bank about 1,200 feet (365 metres) apart, police said.

Extradition has become the main issue of Colombia's seventh week crackdown on its drug barons. Not a single major drug trafficker has ever been convicted in Colombia of drug trafficking.

Since the crackdown began, Colombia has extradited one Colombian and three more are waiting to be processed for extradition.

Earlier Thursday, Barco's government announced plans to hold a referendum to let voters decide whether suspected drug traffickers wanted in the United States should be extradited. The vote could be as early as January.

Barco named Carlos Lemus Simmonds as the country's new minister of interior, giving him command of the nation's police.

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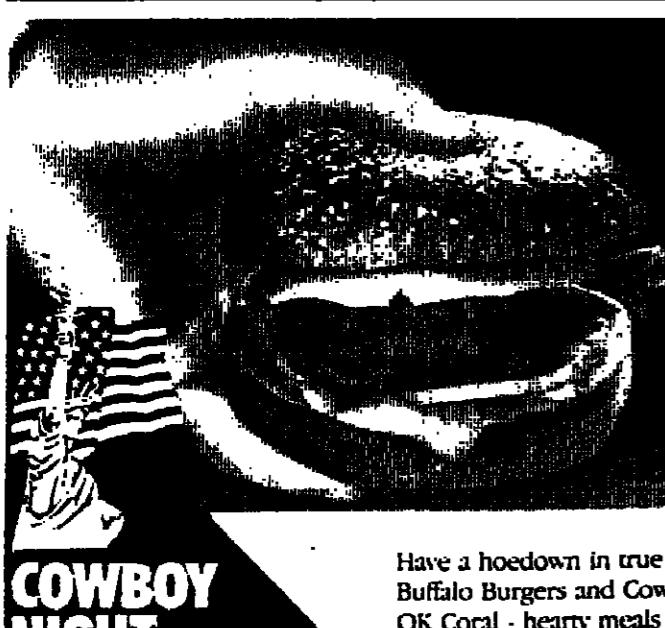
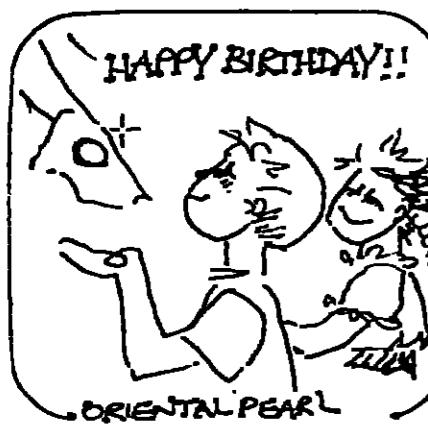
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Aids memorial quilt

An estimated 1.25 million people have viewed the quilt's panels, made since 1985 by people who cared about the people who died — lovers, neighbours, friends, colleagues of people who died," said Dan Sauro, a spokesman for the project: Aids memorial quilt.

Picture shows two women hugging each other by the quilt on display. (Reuter wirephoto)

Steps to make skies safer

MONTRÉAL, Oct 7. (Reuters): The United Nations' world aviation authority took steps to make the skies safer for travellers but failed in a bid to reduce aircraft risks in its assembly meeting that ended yesterday.

Representatives from 131 countries gathered for the three-week meeting of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (Icao) to devise new methods to enhance airline safety and minimise the terrorist threat.

Delegates said the biggest accomplishment of the meeting was a resolution that would force manufacturers to mark plastic explosives for detection by airport security systems.

"This is a very, very important step forward because we discovered lately that these sophisticated explosives unfortunately are not detectable by existing equipment," Icao President Assaad Kotait told reporters yesterday.

Plastic explosives have been linked to a number of terrorist bombings, including last December's killing of 270 people when a Pan Am Boeing blew up over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Officials said this and the suspected bombing of a French jet over Chad last month inspired a new sense of urgency to deal with the question of airline terrorism.

"There has been some effort to enhance the expression by the assembly of its disgust of such types of active terror," said Allan Baker, an Israeli foreign affairs official.

A contentious agenda item was a proposal to phase out noisy, so-called stage two aircraft such as Boeing 727s, 737s and DC-9s beginning after 1995.

Noise reduction has become an important issue in the congested airways of Western states, but developing countries say they could not afford to refurbish their fleets with quieter aircraft such as the Boeing 767 and the Airbus A320.

Kotait said the assembly agreed to hold an extraordinary session next year to consider a compromise proposal that would allow some cash-strapped airlines from developing countries more time to modernise their fleets.

The assembly agreed to a programme in which developed countries would provide aviation experts and funds to help developing nations update aviation security systems.

Blood supply is much safer now

BOSTON, Oct 7. (AP): The odds of getting an Aids infection from a typical US blood transfusion are dropping by more than 30 per cent a year, from one in 28,000 two years ago, a new study says.

"The blood supply is probably safer now than it has ever been" because fewer Aids carriers are donations, concludes the study, conducted by the American Red Cross.

However, another report cautions that some people at high risk of the disease still give blood

despite appeals to refrain, and blood banks should try harder to dissuade them.

A third study showed that more than 95 per cent of people who receive Aids-tainted transfusions become infected, and half of them develop Aids within seven years.

In general, the research shows that women are safer donors than men. The riskiest blood is from men making donations for the first time.



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PEOPLE AND PLACES



NEW YORK: Britain's Prince Charles says that playing a game of polo helps him maintain an image of a strong, tough leader, according to an interview published in Polo Life magazine.

The prince also says in the interview published in the autumn issue of Polo Life that playing polo renews his mental and physical strength.

"One of the things I've always felt strong about in this position is leadership, or setting an example," he says. "I do believe it's very important to be seen not to be a chicken, to be leading from the front, showing you're prepared to do perhaps some of the more dangerous things."

He says he almost never loses his temper while playing polo but admits: "I swear occasionally, not too loud. On the whole, I remain reasonable." (AP)

LAKE OSWEGO, Oregon: Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has adopted a new name — Osho — and given his followers a change of habit.

Osho is a Japanese word that means "the whole man, the fully awakened one and respectfully symbolizes a man of peace, grace and love upon whom existence is showering all its blessings from every direction," according to a statement from the sect's Oregon Press Service.

Disciples also have begun wearing maroon robes during the day and white robes during evening initiations at the commune in Pine, India, the release said. In the years when the commune was based in Oregon, Rajneesh were various stories of sex, but the 58-year-old guru later advised them to drop the practice to avoid harassment and discrimination. (AP)

Manhattan lawyer Robert Kalina said he had spoken to Jane Fonda, and the actress is supporting her daughter "100 per cent." He also said Vadim, 21 and a student at Brown University, is not a drug addict and has no prior legal record.

Kalina made his remarks in Manhattan criminal court yesterday as Vadim awaited arraignment for her role in an incident that took place in front of 139 Essex St., in Lower Manhattan at 8 am.

Narcotics enforcement agents had seen Vadim, Thomas Feagel, 22, and a local resident enter a known drug location, said police spokesman Vincent Jones.

However, Kalina claimed Vadim had not gone to the location to buy drugs, maintaining simply that she was "at the wrong place at the wrong time." He declined to elaborate.

Jones said that when the trio exited, Feagel passed a glassine envelope allegedly containing heroin to Manuel Rivera, 30, who lives at a men's shelter, he said.

Bush feeling great

President George Bush emerged yesterday from surgery to remove a cyst on his right middle finger "in a great mood," according to an aide.

Bush was operated on as an outpatient at Walter Reed Army Medical Centre for removal of the cyst, which has troubled him for several years. He was given a local anaesthetic.

"He was in a great mood," White House spokesman Jay Allison told reporters following the surgery, adding that the president was "talking and laughing with the doctors."

Bush arrived by helicopter, smiling, waving at reporters, and holding up the hand on which the surgery was to be performed.

Asked to raise his middle finger to demonstrate the cyst for a photo, Bush said with a laugh: "Don't tempt me."

However, he then held out his right hand in a downward direction. (Reuter wirephoto)

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida: An 8-year-old boy stuck a message in a bottle, threw it into the ocean and waited for a response. He got one five years later — from England.

"Hello Tommy," wrote 15-year-old Anya Leeds. "I don't know whether you remember sending your note in a bottle. We just found it on the other side of the Atlantic."

"We were really shocked," said Tom Mote, of Dania, whose son Tommy put the bottle in the ocean in July 1984. "I couldn't believe that bottle had been around for five years."

The bottle was found by 10-year-old Gareth Williamson on a beach in Porthcawl, on the southwest tip of England. He gave it to Anya, who worked with her friend, Emma Prowse, 14, to reassemble the message.

"The note crumpled to the touch, but we pasted it together," Anya said in a telephone interview with the newspaper Thesun-Sentinel of Fort Lauderdale. "It was pretty special to see something so old." (AP)

MINNEOLA, New York: (UPI) — Vandals sprayed satanic messages on two separate Long Island churches, and police were trying to determine if the incidents were related.

In a third ghoulish incident, two men fled from police as they tried to dig up a grave in the rear of the Wantagh baptist church, Nassau county police said.

Police say the grave digging may be related to the satanic scrawling on the outside of the Bellmore community church.

Pastor William Younkman received an anonymous phone call from someone who said "back of church" and immediately hung up.

When Younkman went to investigate the outside of the church, he found the words "Satan lives... 666... I dug the grave in Wantagh" spray-painted on the back wall, police said. The side wall was painted with the words "sacrifice mortal... imperial knights.... Satan." (UPI)

New world atlas 3 states left out

OKLAHOMA CITY: Oct. 7. (AP) — Gov. Henry Bellmon was not amused by his state's absence from Randy McNally's newly published world atlas, which also left out the states of North and South Dakota.

"We are mystified," Bellmon said in a letter to Randy McNally. "Did you intend an insult or are you trying to say that Oklahoma is so well-known that travellers need no map to get here? The latter seems more likely."

The letter was signed by the 3.3 million citizens of the great state of Oklahoma," Bellmon spokesman Sam Armstrong said yesterday.

Randy McNally officials said space limitations forced the omission of the three states from the atlas, which features colourful photographs of various regions of the world. But spokeswoman acknowledged the company may have blundered.

The \$34.95 Randy McNally photographic world atlas goes on sale this month. North Dakota tourism director Jim Fuglie, however, said he wasn't particularly miffed by the omission.

Fighter pilots compete for honour of 'top gun'

INDIAN SPRINGS, Nevada: Oct. 7. (AP) — The world's top jet fighter pilots are bombing and strafing targets on a bleak desert range, not in training for the next war, but in a competition for the coveted honour of "top gun."

The prince also says in the interview published in the autumn issue of Polo Life that playing polo renews his mental and physical strength.

"One of the things I've always felt strong about in this position is leadership, or setting an example," he says. "I do believe it's very important to be seen not to be a chicken, to be leading from the front, showing you're prepared to do perhaps some of the more dangerous things."

He says he almost never loses his temper while playing polo but admits: "I swear occasionally, not too loud. On the whole, I remain reasonable." (AP)

LAKE OSWEGO, Oregon: Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has adopted a new name — Osho — and given his followers a change of habit.

Osho is a Japanese word that means "the whole man, the fully awakened one and respectfully symbolizes a man of peace, grace and love upon whom existence is showering all its blessings from every direction," according to a statement from the sect's Oregon Press Service.

Disciples also have begun wearing maroon robes during the day and white robes during evening initiations at the commune in Pine, India, the release said. In the years when the commune was based in Oregon, Rajneesh were various stories of sex, but the 58-year-old guru later advised them to drop the practice to avoid harassment and discrimination. (AP)

Manhattan lawyer Robert Kalina said he had spoken to Jane Fonda, and the actress is supporting her daughter "100 per cent." He also said Vadim, 21 and a student at Brown University, is not a drug addict and has no prior legal record.

Kalina made his remarks in Manhattan criminal court yesterday as Vadim awaited arraignment for her role in an

competition at US bases abroad.

This year's competitors include teams from West Germany, Japan, the Philippines and Great Britain.

As smoke billowed from dummy bombs crashing around an old tank being used as a target yesterday, Maj. Bud Williams explained the drill to visiting reporters.

Inside the cockpit of a fighter jet, computers tell the pilot when and where to drop his bombs, but the man at the controls still has to push the pickle button that releases the explosives, Williams explained.

The red button that releases the bombs is just one of the pilot's many concerns as he flashes 200 feet (60 metres)

above the desert floor at 400 miles (643 kilometres) per hour, pops up to 1,000 feet (300 metres), then dives toward a speck of a target.

The pilot has to concentrate on the degree of the dive, the location of the target, the speed of his plane, wind and other factors.

While focused on the target and the precise second to press the "pickle button" — whose nickname is part of the arcane jargon of the flight world — the pilot must also "fly stable so the radar can get an accurate look at the target," Williams explained.

A pilot's concentration on his target can prove deadly.

"We've had cases of pilots flying the craft into the ground," Williams said. "The result of target fixation is often death."

While accidents are a hazard of military practice, the 8-year-old competition has a perfect safety record.

"We've never lost a crew member or an aircraft," Williams said as an F-16 fighter Falcon roared overhead, banking sharply after dropping a bomb on a target half a mile (kilometre) away.

The dummy bombs provide only a flash of fire and a puff of smoke, leaving the target — an ageing tank — charred but reusable. The real thing would be a different story.

Arrested on drug charge

Jane supporting daughter

NEW YORK: Oct. 7. (UPI) — The attorney for Vanessa Vadim, the daughter of actress Jane Fonda, who was arrested when a friend passed heroin to another man in Manhattan, said his client's mother is supporting the child in her legal ordeal.

Manhattan lawyer Robert Kalina said he had spoken to Jane Fonda, and the actress is supporting her daughter "100 per cent." He also said Vadim, 21 and a student at Brown University, is not a drug addict and has no prior legal record.

Kalina made his remarks in Manhattan criminal court yesterday as Vadim awaited arraignment for her role in an

incident that took place in front of 139 Essex St., in Lower Manhattan at 8 am.

Narcotics enforcement agents had seen Vadim, Thomas Feagel, 22, and a local resident enter a known drug location, said police spokesman Vincent Jones.

However, Kalina claimed Vadim had not gone to the location to buy drugs, maintaining simply that she was "at the wrong place at the wrong time." He declined to elaborate.

Jones said that when the trio exited, Feagel passed a glassine envelope allegedly containing heroin to Manuel Rivera, 30, who lives at a men's shelter, he said.

'Hands up' with a cucumber

LONDON: Oct. 7. (AP) — Armed only with a cucumber, a drug addict stole £12,418 (\$19,868) in 16 raids over two months, a prosecutor told London's Old Bailey central criminal court yesterday.

The defendant, Ernest Coveley, pretended the cucumber, wrapped in a plastic bag, was a shotgun and would point it at terrified women cashiers and scream, "give me the money or I'll blow your head off," prosecutor Michael Warren told the court.

Coveley used the cucumber in robberies of 14 savings and loan offices, a bank and a post office, Warren said.

Coveley, 36, pleaded guilty to 10 counts of robbery and six counts of attempted robbery.

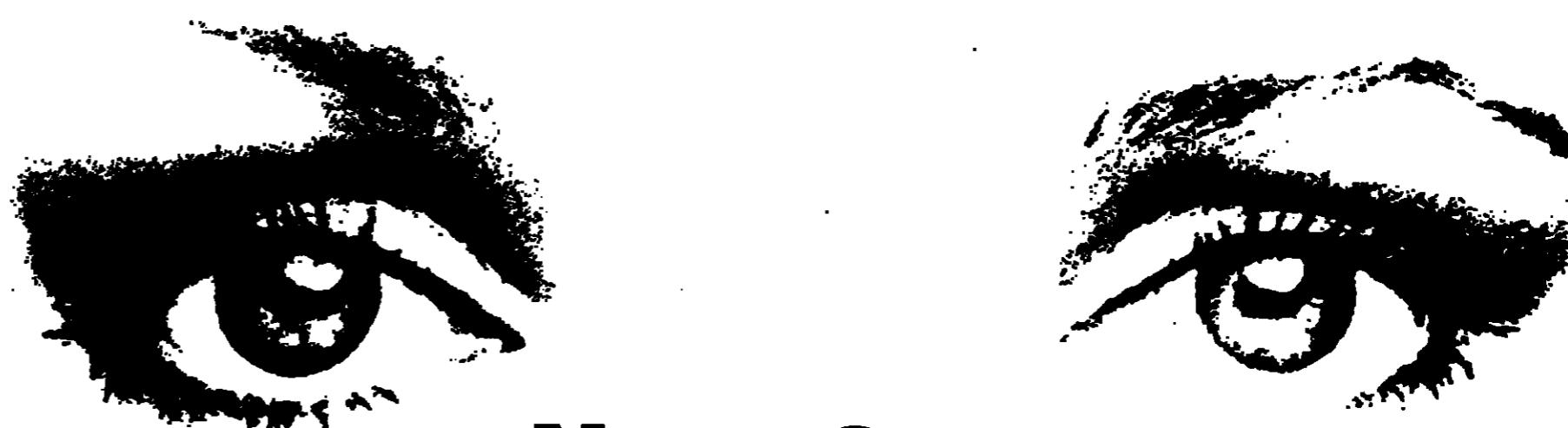
He had initially faced 16 charges of using imitation firearms in the robberies. But his plea of innocent to these was accepted by the court on grounds that cucumbers cannot be classified as imitation firearms.

Koch to take up teaching

NEW YORK: Oct. 7. (AP) — Mayor Edward I. Koch will become a visiting fellow at New York University's urban research centre after he leaves office in January, the university announced.

Koch will give six lectures on the economic and social challenges facing cities and the role of state and federal governments in urban policy, the university said.

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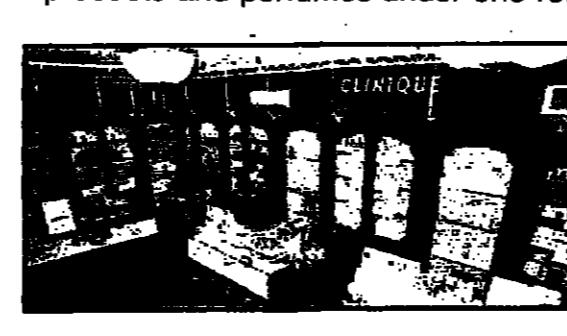


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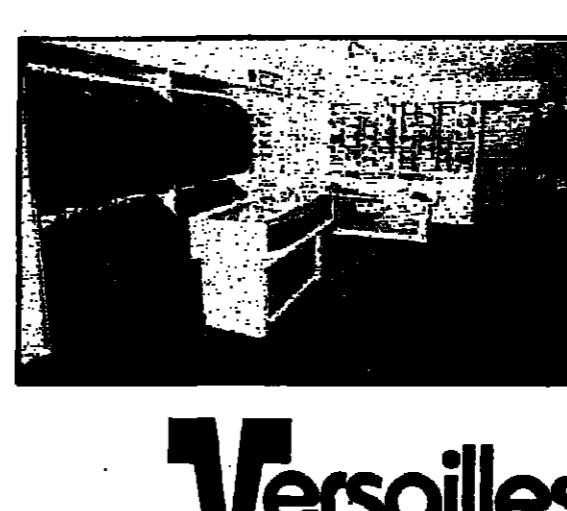
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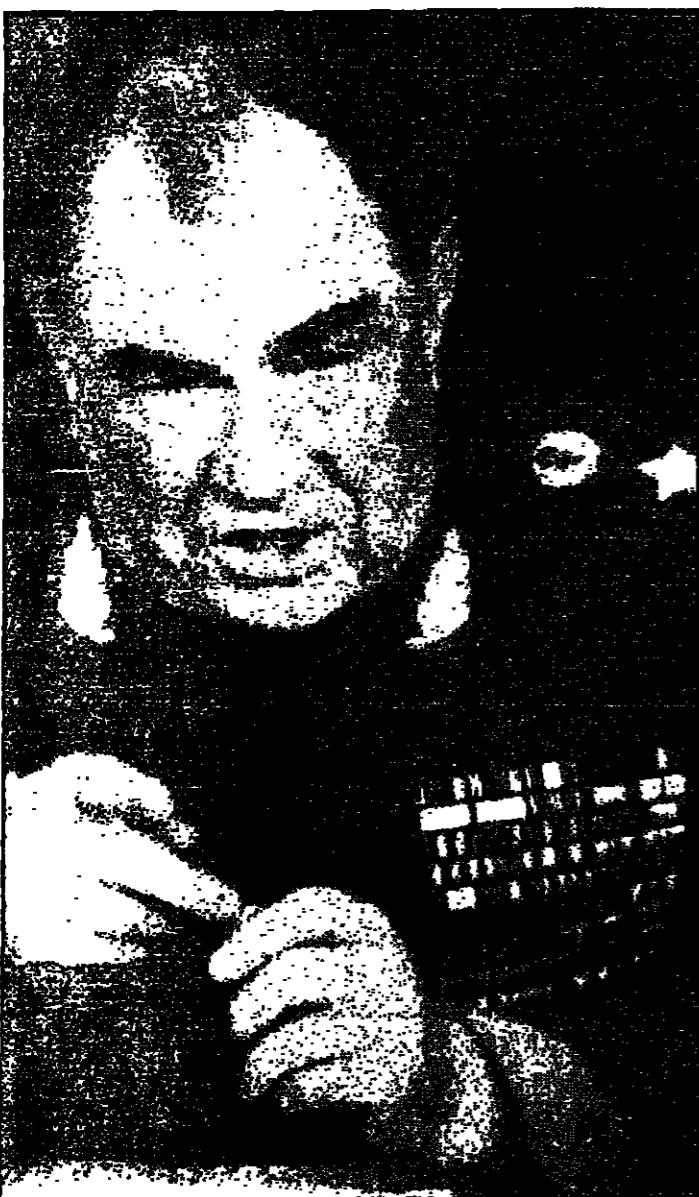
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**Yankees impress**

Soviet Defence Minister Dimitri Yazov ended his first US visit on Friday, inviting his counterpart to Moscow, praising American soldiers and boasting of the impenetrability of Soviet air defences.

Yazov and US Defence Secretary Dick Cheney appeared at a joint news conference, where they pledged a continuation of military exchanges but made no substantive announcements.

"It is important to build friendship, develop mutual understanding," said Yazov, who met with US President George Bush during his weeklong trip.

Cheney, who said he would visit the Soviet Union at an unspecified date, said military-to-military contacts between the two superpower defence chiefs were "very productive."

Yazov visited Camp Pendleton, a Marine training base in southern California, Luke Air Force Base in Arizona and Fort Bragg, home of the army's 82nd Airborne in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Panel passes chems ban bill**US sanctions proposed**

WASHINGTON, Oct 7, (Agencies): The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has approved legislation that would require US sanctions against countries that violate an international ban on using chemical and biological weapons.

The legislation, approved on a voice vote yesterday, also would encourage international sanctions against violating countries.

In addition, it would require the president to monitor efforts by Iran, Iraq, Libya, Syria and other developing nations to develop or acquire chemical and biological weapons.

The approval comes on the heels of a proposal made by President George Bush before the United Nations to cut US and Soviet stockpiles of such weapons by 80 per cent. The Soviets countered with a proposal for total elimination.

US sanctions would include a cutoff of arms sales, an embargo on imports from the violating country, an end to credit guarantees from the Export-Import Bank, a halt to financial assistance from US banks and an end to military and economic assistance.

The United States also would encourage a denial of assistance from international lending institutions as well as other sanctions.

The bill says that as many as 20 countries are capable of producing

ing chemical weapons and that by the year 2000, at least 15 developing countries will have the ability to produce ballistic missiles capable of delivering the weapons.

The new bat-wing B-2 "Stealth" bomber — which cost \$530 million apiece — has less range than the older and cheaper B-1B it is supposed to replace, according to classified Defence Department data.

The "black" (secret) part of the Pentagon budget said while the Stealth has a cruising range without refueling of 6,000 miles, the older B-1B now in service can go 6,400 miles, the Washington Post claimed after obtaining a copy of the estimates.

This has many congressmen surprised and dismayed, especially since the all-wing design of the Stealth was supposed to markedly increase fuel efficiency and distance.

House Armed Services Committee chairman Les Aspin said "this is not good news for the plane," adding Congress is still arguing over how much more money should go for B-2 production. There now are only a handful.

Adm. Carlisle Trost, the chief of US naval operations who is scheduled to visit the Soviet Union next week, said he is wary of including naval forces in a US-Soviet arms reduction agreement.

Trillions wasted on arms**Match cuts: Lobov**

ROME, Oct 7, (Reuter): The Warsaw Pact's top general urged Nato today to respond to unilateral Soviet military cuts in Europe and said both blocs had squandered trillions of dollars on the arms race.

In an unprecedented address to Nato parliamentarians, the East Bloc's military commander, Soviet General Vladimir Lobov, said cuts by the Kremlin in soldiers and weaponry were proof that Moscow "wanted to exclude war from the lives of people."

He spoke from the same platform as the Western Nato alliance's supreme allied commander, US General John Galvin, marking the first time that the military commanders of both blocs had shared a stage.

"I reaffirm eye to eye that we're not just talking about things. We're doing them and we expect something from you," Lobov told parliamentarians from Nato's North Atlantic assembly.

"We don't kill people, we don't capture territory. We destroy military technology. This is an achievement of human thought."

"But you, tell us how you're doing that. Nothing yet," he said.

Angry dispute arises over ivory traders support of regulatory agency

NEW YORK, Oct 7, (AP): Documents obtained from the international agency that regulates the ivory trade show it received 77 per cent of its money from ivory traders, drawing criticism from environmentalists trying to save the African elephant.

Many environmentalists want a ban on commerce in elephant tusks, without it, they say, the beast that poet John Donne called "nature's great masterpiece" could be virtually extinct in Africa in a generation.

But the ivory control unit of the regulatory agency — the Convention on International Trade in

Heseltine ready to lead Conservatives

LONDON, Oct 7, (Kuna): Former British Cabinet minister, Michael Heseltine, said today he would accept the Conservative Party leadership if he was offered it.

But he denied he was actively seeking to oust British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, 64, who is the leader of the ruling party.

Heseltine, the former environment and defence secretary, is still popular with Conservative activists and voters of all parties, despite his dramatic resignation from the cabinet at the height of the Westland Helicopter in January 1986, observers noted.

That view was confirmed today in a gallup survey in the conservative newspaper, the Daily Telegraph, which put

Heseltine at the top of a poll of voters' choices as Conservative Party leader and prime minister if Thatcher was to stand down before the next election.

Speaking about the party leadership, Heseltine said in a local radio interview here this morning: "An invitation of that sort, an opportunity of that sort, would be one of the most remarkable opportunities that anyone could be offered."

Meanwhile, there were speculations that Thatcher might decide to retire before the next general election in about one or two years time.

But in recent press interviews she avoided giving a definite answer, suggesting that she could seek a fourth term in power if the party wins the next election.

Greek premier resigns office

ATHENS, Greece, Oct 7, (AP): Conservative Premier Tsannatakis resigned today saying his three-month old government had completed its mission of starting a cleansing of Greek political life.

His resignation paved the way for new national elections next month.

Tsannatakis headed a conservative-leftist coalition that emerged from the inconclusive June 18 elections. It ended eight years of Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) rule headed by former premier Andreas Papandreou.

Tsannatakis called on President Christos Sartzetakis at the presidential palace at 10.00 am (0800 GMT) where he outlined the reasons for submitting his resignation.

During his 45-minute meeting with the president, Tsannatakis said he told him that his government's mission of launching legal action against officials of the former socialist government for their alleged involvement in scandals, had been completed.

As he left the palace in downtown Athens, Tsannatakis told waiting journalists that he had been asked by the President to remain in office until a new administration was formed.

But chances for a new government to evolve from the present parliament appeared extremely slim.

The New Democracy Party which together with the communist-dominated coalition of the left and progress supported the government in the unprecedented alliance, control 173 of the 300 seats in the unicameral parliament. PASOK has 125 places with two parliamentary seats held by independents.

Later, New Democracy leader Constantine Mitsotakis was summoned to the palace where he received the mandate to form a government.

Leaving the palace, the 71-year-old veteran politician told journalists that he explained his reasons for turning down the mandate and urged Sartzetakis to hasten procedures for a service government to hold elections on Nov 5.

Communist Party chief Haralambos Florakis has stated he would also turn down a presidential mandate believing that elections were the only solution.

Supreme court president Ioannis Grivas has been mentioned by parliamentarians as the likeliest candidate to head a service cabinet in the event the presidential mandates fail to produce a viable administration.

70 held for draft dodge

PARIS, Oct 7, (UPI): Police said today they have arrested 70 people including two actors on charges of belonging to a ring selling false medical certificates to young men seeking to dodge their French military service.

The two doctors were identified as Dr Jo Abbo, 59, who was struck off the list of members of the French National Order of Doctors, and Henri Raffeneau, 63, who has been banned from practising medicine by an investigating judge, the police said.

Gendarmes began investigating the organisation in January 1987 after discovering two false exemption certificates presented to army authorities

— opposes such a ban.

That has set the stage for confrontation at the cites biannual meeting beginning Monday in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Environmentalists say the agency opposes a ban because it depends upon the largest of ivory traders. The agency says a ban won't stop poaching.

The population of African elephants has declined from 1.3 million in 1979 to an estimated 625,000, according to a study by the ivory review group, a team of environmentalists and biologists from

around the world. The study will be published next week.

Well-armed, highly organised poachers who travel freely across African borders in pursuit of elephant tusks are killing 10 per cent of the remaining elephants each year, the study concluded.

At that rate, elephants will be extinct in the wild within 30 years, said one of the study's authors, David Western, the director of Wildlife Conservation International of New York.

"The elephant is in trouble," said Western, who

has specialised in elephant studies for several years.

"The loss of habitat is not the driving force, nor is population growth," he said in an interview. "The driving force, according to our studies, is the ivory trade."

Elephant carcasses are left to rot in the sun on Africa's dusty savannahs while their tusks are shipped to Hong Kong to be carved into "trinkets and baubles," said Richard Leakey, the well-known anthropologist who is now director of wildlife in Kenya.

Kinnock declares he is fit**Labour turns right**

BRIGHTON, Oct 7, (AP): The opposition Labour Party ended its annual conference yesterday after confirming a rightward shift intended to position the party for victory in the next election.

"We're driving forward and there is no going back. Brighton 1989 has been a landmark conference for the Labour Party," said party leader Neil Kinnock.

An election is not required until 1992, although there is some indication it may be held a year earlier.

During the week, the Labour Party dropped its commitment to unilateral nuclear disarmament, dropped prominent leftist lawmaker Ken Livingstone from its national executive committee, and rejected calls for a Labour government to phase out nuclear power.

The government Conservative Party will hold its annual conference next week in Blackpool.

Kinnock asserted in a television interview yesterday that he was fit and ready to replace Conservative Margaret Thatcher as Prime Minister.

"I am going to be prime minister because I represent the people of this country, their hopes for economic success and social justice," Kinnock said.

"I am not detached and remote in the way the government has become."

A poll published yesterday by the Evening Standard in London showed Labour favoured by 46 per cent of the respondents, compared to 37 per cent for the Conservatives. The poll was based on interviews with 1,089 adults two days earlier. The margin of error was not reported.

Age of consent lowered

BRIGHTON, England, Oct 7, (AP): The opposition Labour Party voted at its annual conference yesterday to reduce the age of consent for homosexuals from 21 to 16.

Delegates voted by 3.7 million to 2.3 million to introduce an equal age of consent for homosexuals as heterosexuals.

The age of consent is the minimum age at which a person may legally have sexual intercourse.

The proposal now goes back to the party's policy-making national executive committee, which will consider it for inclusion in its election platform.

Pretoria to free Sisulu, Mpetha

PRETORIA, Oct 7, (Reuters): South Africa plans to free Walter Sisulu, the country's most prominent political prisoner after Nelson Mandela, ahead of a Commonwealth summit later this month, government sources said today.

The sources, who declined to be named, said the government had approved the release of Sisulu, 77, and Oscar Mpetha, 80, and the two would probably be freed a few days before the summit opens in Kuala Lumpur on October 18.

A decision had been made to free Sisulu and Mpetha before the summit in order to ease pressure on British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who opposes efforts by her Commonwealth colleagues to impose further sanctions on south Africa.

"We owe Thatcher a favour, one source told Reuters.

Sisulu, a former secretary-general of the African National Congress (ANC) guerrilla group, was sentenced along with Mandela to life imprisonment for plotting sabotage and revolution, at the Rivonia Treason trial in June 1964.

Mpetha, South Africa's oldest political prisoner, was convicted of terrorism in 1987 and jailed for five years. He is in poor health in a Cape Town hospital.

After the release of Sisulu and Mpetha, the government will see how the black majority and others react before freeing other prominent black leaders.

"(Sisulu) knows his behaviour will have a bearing on the release of others," one source said. The sources said Mandela's freedom will come last — at his own request.

Varsity closure backed

HARARE, Oct 7, (AP): Police detained Zimbabwe's trade union chief yesterday after he criticised the closure of the country's only university following student riots.

Morgan Tsvangirai, secretary general of the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions, joined more than 50 university students arrested Wednesday after daylong clashes with police.

Tsvangirai had hinted Thursday that his congress might consider work stoppages to support the students.

President Robert Mugabe, the nominal chancellor of the university, meanwhile, expressed his support for the university management's decision to close the state college after stone-throwing students clashed with riot police.

"We now want to start afresh and clean the university up," Mugabe told 10,000 supporters yesterday in central Chitungwiza.

Student leaders say they believe Mugabe ordered the shutdown because of widespread student disillusionment with official corruption.

Soares in SA to visit injured son

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 7, (AP): President Mario Soares of Portugal arrived yesterday to visit his son, Jose, who has been hospitalised in South Africa since suffering serious injuries in a plane crash in Angola 10 days ago.

Soares, accompanied on the private visit by his daughter, Isabel, is the first European head of state to visit South Africa in more than 20 years.

\$250,000 offered to kill six of Noriega enemies**Armed men attack 'coup' radio station**

PANAMA CITY, Oct 7, (Agencies): Supporters of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega have offered a \$250,000 reward for the assassination of six of his enemies, according to a letter published yesterday in the pro-government newspaper Critica.

The threats, presented as a letter from unnamed business men to a daily columnist, could not immediately be confirmed.

"They (opponents) have allowed a price to be put on (Noriega's) head, with dollars given to them by the United States," the letter said.

Therefore, "we consider it justified to use our money to pay those who execute traitors."

The threats and the attack on the radio station came after Noriega said he would get tough with his opponents in the wake of the coup attempt, which he blames on the United States. In his Thursday's speech, Noriega specifically said radio stations that had been "bought off" would be "torn down."

Noriega's party proposed emergency laws today to crack down on dissent.

Carlos Duque, the head of the pro-government Revolutionary Democratic Party and Noriega's candidate in the annulled May 7 presidential election, said the proposed laws would set standards for suspending or firing public employees who fail to express loyalty to the government.

The Revolutionary Democratic Party, formed under the ruler of Gen. Omar Torrijos in the early 1970s as a power base for the military, asked that the laws be enacted by decree of provisional President Francisco Rodriguez, who was appointed by the Noriega-controlled government after the fraud-marred elections were annulled.

Duque said the proposal also includes new regulations concerning the news media, particularly radio and television, but he did not give specifics.

The proposals follow a speech on Thursday by Noriega calling for action to confront what he called an "economic and political crisis" instigated by the United States to force his ouster. Noriega called on public employees to become "prosecutors" of their fellow workers to ensure that they support the government.

Duque told the newspaper La Estrella, however, that the proposed laws would not be used to persecute people or repress the opposition.

The proposed media laws also followed the suspension of the broadcasting licence of one of the three radio stations that broadcast a statement by coup leaders Tuesday that they had ordered Noriega to retire.

In Washington, President

INTERNATIONAL

Cory defies folk beliefs on Marcos burial

MANILA, Oct 7. (UPI): President Corazon Aquino's firm stand against the return of Ferdinand Marcos' body reflects an American-influenced upbringings that has steered her to go against traditional Filipino folk values.

Aquino has stated consistently that the overriding reasons for her adamant refusal to allow Marcos' body to be brought back are those of national security and the need to preserve the gains of the 3-1/2 years she has been president of 60 million Filipinos.

There also is the compelling need to demonstrate that there must be justice for the victims of Marcos' repression and plunder during his 20-year rule, said Aquino.

After the 72-year-old Marcos died on Sept 28 in Hawaii,

most callers to radio talk shows were in favour of glossing over the former dictator's misdeeds for humanitarian and Christian considerations.

"Even a criminal is given a decent burial," said opposition Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, who as defense minister led the popularly backed military revolt that drove Marcos into exile in Hawaii February 1986.

Filipinos in Asia's only Christian country revere their dead, particularly in the Ilocano-speaking northern region where Marcos and Enrile were born and raised.

Among the Kalanga tribesmen in the northern Cordillera highlands, if a kinsman dies away from home his bones must be brought back or there will be a curse upon

the living.

When Marcos launched a West German-backed hydroelectric project in the 1970s to dam the mighty Chico and Pasil rivers in the lush Kalanga-Apaya valley, the natives rose in revolt and joined the anti-government communist guerrillas.

The Kalangas did not want the project, which would have disturbed sacred burial grounds, and Marcos eventually was forced to drop the plan.

To this day, it is common practice among Igorot natives in the north to place a body in a separate hut, usually the rice granary, so the immediate family can show their undying affection for the deceased.

In appealing to Aquino to allow their leader to be buried in his homeland, Marcos' followers invoke folk practices that under long-established traditions must be followed.

Aquino's stand on Marcos reflects more the thinking of the contemporary urban Filipino rather than that of the traditional Filipino.

Her action reflects views molded by a sheltered life among the landed gentry to which her family belongs and by her American education.

This is not the first time that Aquino, a graduate of the Catholic University of Mount Saint Vincent in New York, has exhibited this way of thinking.



A Filipino boy lights a candle outside a military camp in Manila during a night vigil by supporters of Marcos (Reuter wirephoto)

China condemns Nobel award to Dalai Lama

Beijing lodges strong protest



Dalai Lama: non-violence

BEIJING, Oct 7. (Agencies): China today denounced the award of the Nobel peace prize to the Dalai Lama, Tibet's spiritual leader, saying it constituted meddling in Chinese internal affairs and support for separatists.

The Foreign Ministry summoned Norway's ambassador and handed him a strongly-worded protest.

Awarding the peace prize to the 54-year-old Buddhist monk "constitutes open support to the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan separatists in their activities to undermine national unity and split China," a Foreign Ministry statement said.

"It represents a gross interference in China's internal affairs and seriously hurts the national feelings of the Chinese people," the ministry said, quoted by the official New China News Agency.

"Over this we express our utmost regret and indignation."

Norwegian Ambassador Jan Tore Holvik told Reuters he had been "invited" to the Foreign Ministry where he was given the statement. He declined to give further details or say whether it amounted to a formal protest to Norway.

Before his summons Holvik said the Chinese authorities should realize that the Oslo-based Nobel committee, which awarded the prize on Thursday, was in independent organization and that the Norwegian government could not influence it.

The Foreign Ministry statement said the Himalayan region of Tibet — which is more than twice the size of France with just two million people — was an inseparable part of China.

"The question of Tibet is purely an internal affair of China in which no foreign government, organisation or individual has the right to interfere," it added.

China says it has ruled Tibet since the 13th century, a historical claim rejected by the Tibetan "government-in-exile" which is based in India and not recognized by any country.

The Dalai Lama, who has championed greater freedom for his people, fled to India in 1959 after an abortive uprising against Chinese rule. Thousands of people were killed.

Travelling around the world in his Buddhist robes he has advocated non-violence and called for the respect of human rights in Tibet.

■ China has sent five Tibetan nuns to labour camps without trial for staging a pro-independence demonstration in Lhasa two weeks ago, an official report said, bringing to at least 14 the number convicted within a month.

Tibet daily said in its Sept 25 edition reaching Beijing on Thursday that the five Buddhists from Xiongze temple were sent for three years of "labour education," China's official term for prison labour.

"They hysterically shouted 'Independent Tibet' and other reactionary slogans in a frenzied way," the newspaper said. Police quickly arrested them as they marched around Lhasa's sacred Jokhang temple on September 22.

The five were convicted at a public meeting by police authorities, the daily said. No trial was held.

A sixth nun who took part in the protest march was still under investigation, Tibet daily added. It indicated that 19-year-old Renzeng Quni would be punished more severely because she has also taken part in a similar protest in June last year but had been released after expressing remorse.

■ Two Chinese students who demonstrated in Japan on behalf of the pro-democracy movement were granted asylum in the United States yesterday by a judge who said they were likely to be persecuted if forced to return home.

■ Australia's consul-general in Shanghai called in police to control hundreds of Chinese angry at delays in getting visas to study at Australian schools, an embassy spokesman said today.

Teresa is doing very well

CALCUTTA, Oct 7. (Reuters): Nobel peace prize winner Mother Teresa was moved out of intensive care today after more than a month of treatment for heart problems, her doctors said.

"She is doing very well and she has no discomfort," they said in a statement. It said she had been moved to an intermediate cardiac care unit.

Mother Teresa, 79, entered hospital on Sept 5 and was fitted with a temporary pacemaker a few days later to help an irregular heartbeat caused by a slightly blocked artery.

Her doctors say the trouble was compounded by the Roman Catholic nun's hectic schedule of work and travel to the 400 homes around the world run by her mission and that she would have to slow down.

Mother Teresa, born in Yugoslavia of Albanian parents, won the Nobel peace prize in 1979 for her work among Calcutta's destitute and dying.

Angela heads for China after battering Philippines

MANILA, Oct 7. (AP): Typhoon Angela headed towards mainland China today after battering the mountainous northern Philippines and forcing almost 9,000 people to seek shelter in evacuation centres, officials said.

Initial reports reaching relief agencies in Manila said Angela damaged or destroyed 34 houses in three northern provinces, uprooted about 1.6 million pesos (\$73,100) worth of crops, caused extensive flooding in low-lying areas.

At least 26 people were killed and 40 others were reported missing in a devastating sweep by Angela, relief officials said.

Teresa Padua, spokeswoman of the Department of Social Welfare said 26 people drowned in floods that swept their homes in the coastal town of Gonzaga, Cagayan province. She said 40 others were missing.

The military office of civil defence said some 3,846 people were forced to flee their homes for evacuation centres in Ilocos Norte.

A spokesman for OCD said most of their provincial chapters failed to give reports because Angela toppled many electrical and telephone posts. Detailed damage and casualty reports from remote areas often take days or weeks to reach the capital due to poor communications.

In a final storm bulletin at 4 am (2000 GMT Friday), the government weather bureau spotted Angela in the South China Sea.

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2 years jail for dissident

SEOUL, Oct 7. (AP): The leader of South Korea's largest dissident organisation was sentenced today to two years in prison, following conviction on charges of discussing national unification with communist North Korea.

In a related development, a radical student charged with making an illegal trip to the North to push national unification was indicted. If convicted, she could be sentenced to death.

Lee Bu-Young, 46, co-chairman of the United National Democratic Movement, South Korea's largest dissident organisation, was sentenced to two years in prison for violating national security law and allegedly aiding an illegal labour strike.

A sixth nun who took part in the protest march was still under investigation, Tibet daily added. It indicated that 19-year-old Renzeng Quni would be punished more severely because she has also taken part in a similar protest in June last year but had been released after expressing remorse.

■ Two Chinese students who demonstrated in Japan on behalf of the pro-democracy movement were granted asylum in the United States yesterday by a judge who said they were likely to be persecuted if forced to return home.

■ Australia's consul-general in Shanghai called in police to control hundreds of Chinese angry at delays in getting visas to study at Australian schools, an embassy spokesman said today.

Hungarian reds turning pinks

BUDAPEST, Oct 7. (Reuter): Hungary's Communist Party moved today to the brink of declaring itself a Western-style socialist party committed to parliamentary democracy and civil liberties.

Party leader Rezso Nyers said

the new organisation should be called the Hungarian Socialist Party and should accept as members only genuine reformers ready to abandon Stalinist practices of the past.

"This is a very historic step for every socialist, and every social-

ist must support it," Nyers told almost 1,300 delegates at a Communist Party Congress.

Delegates were poised to endorse the proposal in a formal vote when a prominent hardliner, Janos Berecz, demanded that it should be presented in

written form.

The party's leading reformer, Imre Pozsgay, said earlier that there was no doubt which way the vote would go. "It is quite clear that a majority wants a new party with a programme with new rules and a new name," he

told a news conference.

The decision would make Hungary's party the first ruling Communist Party in Eastern Europe to wind itself up and declare that it had made a complete break with the central principles of Marxism-Leninism.

Moscow protest against inquiry

MOSCOW, Oct 7. (Reuter): Thousands of people linked hands in the centre of Moscow today to protest about what they said was the harassment of two special prosecutors who had been investigating Kremlin hardliner Yegor Ligachev.

The crowds stretched all the way down Corky Street, then marched into a square just behind the Kremlin and held a mass meeting in pouring rain to demand fair treatment for the two men, Telman Gdylan and Mihail Ivanov.

Gdylan and Ivanov were removed from an investigation into corruption in Soviet Uzbekistan earlier this year when they said Ligachev had been under investigation.

An official inquiry was ordered into the activities of the two men, who were elected to the new Soviet Parliament in the spring.

"We want an independent inquiry into the whole way their case has been handled. They've been made scapegoats," said one demonstrator.

The crowds also chanted slogans in favour of Communist Party Maverick Boris Yeltsin and burned copies of the party's daily paper Pravda.

Last month the paper was forced to apologise to Yeltsin after it ran an article suggesting he had squandered the money he made on a recent speaking tour of the United States.

Saturday is Soviet Constitution Day, and some of the crowd used the opportunity to demand that the nation's 1977 constitution — drawn up under discredited former leader Leonid Brezhnev — be made more democratic.

"The sixth article of the Soviet constitution says that all power shall rest in the hands of the party. This is wrong — we need a multi-party stage," said one protester.

Also today, about 200 Kazakhs demonstrated briefly outside the Ministry of Defence in Moscow before handing in a petition demanding that nuclear tests at the republic's Semipalatinsk test range be halted immediately.

An Armenian official today dismissed central press reports that an Azerbaijani blockade of his republic had ended, saying trainloads of fuel and food were still being held back.

Daily Pravda and other newspapers reported that the blockade had been broken and normal rail traffic restored between Armenia and Azerbaijan from 6 pm yesterday.

New treaty

■ The Soviet Union yesterday said the nations of the world should adopt a new treaty giving the world court binding authority to settle international disputes.

The new Soviet suggestion is the latest proposal resulting from President Mikhail Gorbachev's call last December for a comprehensive strengthening of international law.

Huge arms shipments

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 7. (AP): Moscow has doubled the pace of its arms shipments to Cambodia this year, sending 60 tanks and 20 MiG-21 jet fighters in August alone, the resistance coalition and Asian diplomats said yesterday.

The Soviet Union began shipping huge quantities of munitions to Phnom Penh when it became clear that Vietnam's troops would be withdrawn by the end of September, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Moscow sent 160 T-55 main battle tanks this year, more than doubling Phnom Penh's inventory of tanks.

The Soviets also sent at least 36 MiG-21 fighter jets, 76.2mm heavy artillery, trucks, thousands of tons of land mines, small arms and ammunition to the port at Kampong Saom, diplomats said.

Soviet deliveries of munitions through the end of August are running about twice as high as the pace of shipments in 1988, the diplomats said.

An official at the Soviet Union's UN mission, speaking privately, said he did not think that the pace of Soviet arms deliveries had increased this year.

Gorbachev expresses confidence in Honecker

Emigration restrictions may be eased

BERLIN, Oct 7. (Agencies): Soviet President Gorbachev met today with East German leader Erich Honecker after expressing confidence in the ruling communists' ability to cope with the exodus of East Germans to the West.

Gorbachev was in East Germany to help celebrate the nation's 40th anniversary.

In Dresden, sources said by telephone today that about 2,000 protesters clashed with police for the fourth straight night yesterday. The sources, speaking on condition of not being identified, reported "numerous injuries."



East German troops march in a military parade to mark the nation's 40th anniversary. (Reuter wirephoto)

East Germans seized can go

Assurance given

WASHINGTON, Oct 7. (Agencies): Several East Germans detained by police outside the US embassy in East Berlin will be permitted to leave the country, the State Department says.

Spokesman Richard Boucher said yesterday that the assurances were given by the East German government and that he did not know how many people were involved.

All of those detained were released from custody with the exception of two who were arrested to reasons unrelated to emigration, Boucher said.

In a related development, the State Department press office said it had erroneously distributed a notice to reporters that East Germans hoping to flee to the West were "politely denied entry" to the US embassy.

A statement issued in its place said the embassy staff asks those who seek to enter the chancery what their purpose is in entering the building.

"Those who have normal embassy business are allowed to enter," the statement said. "No embassy employees force people off the premises."

The initial press notice, which was issued on Thursday night, reinforced earlier US statements that the embassy was not equipped to grant waves of would-be emigrants extended sanctuary.

"Our embassy is not in a position to accommodate large numbers of people who want to sit there until other governments do something," Boucher said on Thursday.

Probe into priests deaths

WARSAW, Oct 7. (AP): A committee of the Polish Senate said yesterday it has proof of crimes by secret police against clerics, and it demanded interior ministry files on three opposition priests who died mysteriously since January.

The call to make available the secret police files on the Revs. Stanislaw Niedziela, Stanislaw Suchowolec and Sylvester Zych was issued by the Senate committee on murders of priests, the state PAP news agency reported.

Suchowolec's death at the end of January in Bielsk in northeast Poland was officially ruled an accident caused by an electrical fire, although the committee said there had previously been four assassination attempts against him. The other two cases have not been closed.

Niedziela's death in his Warsaw home in mid-January from a neck injury initially was portrayed by authorities as a robbery, but no assailant was found. Niedziela reportedly died from threats against him to superiors shortly before he died.

Battle rages in Dresden

BERLIN, Oct 7, (AP): Truncheon-swinging police clashed overnight in the East German towns of Leipzig and Dresden with thousands of protesters demanding more freedom, witnesses and a television report said today.

In West Berlin, about 200 protesters today pelted East German border guards with cans, metal and clumps of dirt at the so-called Checkpoint Charlie crossing in the Berlin Wall.

The protests and an exodus of thousands of East Germans to the West have embarrassed East Germany's hard-line leadership during the communist state's 40th anniversary celebrations this weekend.

About 2,000 demonstrators battled with police and soldiers overnight in Dresden and many people were injured, witnesses said.

A line of hundreds of police officers attacked the demonstrators, who responded by hurling bottles and other objects, witnesses said.

The street battles lasted for several hours, the witnesses said on condition of not being identified. It was the fourth straight night of violence in Dresden.

A battle between protesters and police also broke out in Leipzig, said West Germany's ZDF television network, quoting unidentified witnesses.

"Police used truncheons against the masses of demonstrators," ZDF quoted witnesses as saying. "Many of the protesters were taken away in police cars."

Walesa says Poles, angered by hardship, may burn down his house

WARSAW, Oct 7. (Reuter): Lech Walesa told Solidarity advisers today he was afraid Solidarity could pay a price for the worsening situation.

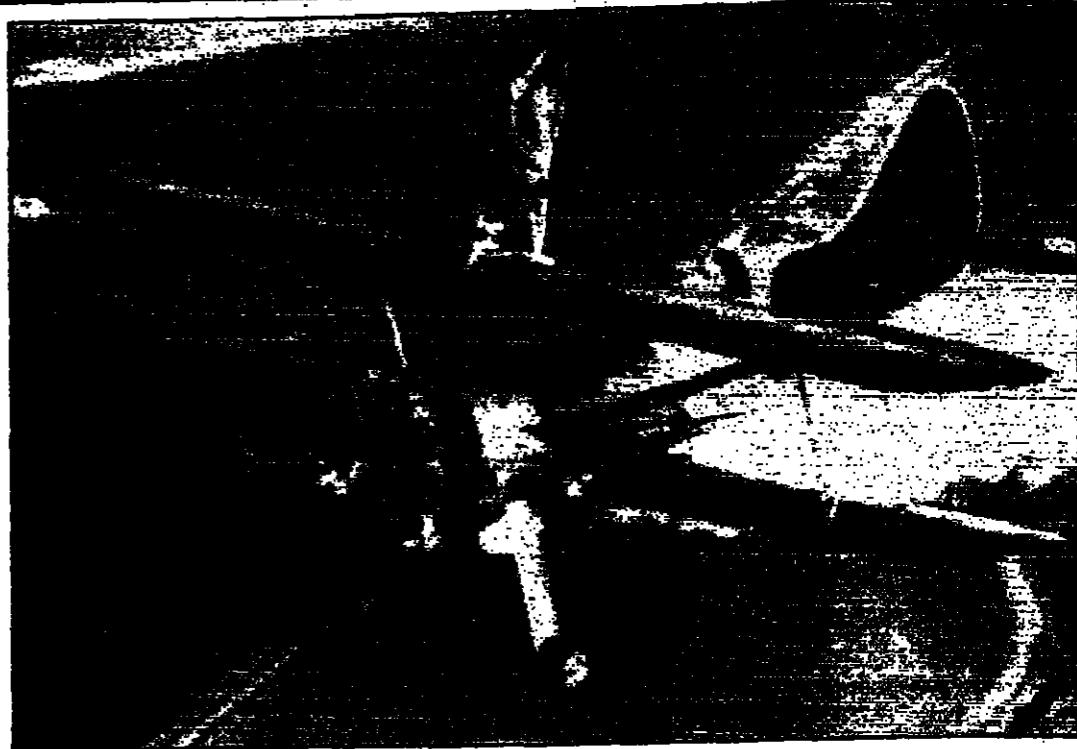
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Walking in air

Wing walker Johnny Kazian goes upside down over Salinas with nothing to hold him but air pressure. At 1,000 ft and at 95 miles-an-hour, he walks the wings with no hidden wires to hold him (Reuter wirephoto).

World News Roundup

Sotheby's loans: Sotheby's in New York loaned Australian businessman Alan Bond half of the record \$53.9 million he paid for Vincent van Gogh's "Irises" in 1987, a spokeswoman for the auction house said.

Bond has repaid "significantly more than half" of the approximately \$27 million he borrowed, Sotheby's spokeswoman Diana Levitt said yesterday.

She declined to discuss the terms of the loan but said the auction house had offered loans to its clients for at least 10 years. (AP) . . .

Air balloon crashes: A hot air balloon on a joyride was dragged across bushland after crashing into a mountain side today in Melbourne, Australia. All six people aboard survived but police said three had serious injuries.

The crash site at Mount Bullengarook, about 50 km (30 miles) northwest of Melbourne, was inaccessible by road and all six were rescued from the balloon's smashed wicker basket and airlifted to hospital by helicopter.

Police and the pleasure ride operators, balloon aloft, refused to give details of the accident, saying only that the balloon made a high-speed landing after hitting air turbulence. (Reuter)

Moulin Rouge turns 100: The days when the Can-Can was the frontier of sexiness are long gone, but the Moulin Rouge lives on, celebrating its 100th birthday with an extravaganza of caviar, champagne and vintage celebrities.

Paris' oldest cabaret was in fine fettle at its birthday party yesterday. Its lissonne dancing girls kicked up a storm for a crowd of 900 including Ella Fitzgerald, Jerry Lewis and Lauren Bacall.

The 900 guests paid 3,500 francs, or about \$550, to attend the benefit dinner-show for AIDS research sponsored by the foundation France-Liberte. Blaming her approval throughout was the foundation's president, Danielle Mitterrand, wife of the French president. (AP) . . .

Frenchman climbs peak: Frenchman engineer Pierre Beghin, 38, climbed yesterday alone the southern face to the summit of 22,765-foot (8,463m) high Mount Makalu, the world's fifth tallest peak, and descended down safely the north west ridge, the Ministry of Tourism in Kathmandu reported.

Quoting a radio message from base camp, the ministry said today the leader of the six-member team, after beginning his ascent from base camp, spent the night of Oct 4 at the team's second camp at 23,633 feet (7,200 m) and the following day he bivouacked at 26,902 feet (8,200 m).

Beghin launched his assault from this point yesterday at 6:30 am at dawn and reached the summit eight hours later without oxygen. (UPI)

Judge refuses: A judge in Dallas, has denied Randall Dale Adams' request to clear state records of his 1977 capital murder conviction, which was thrown out after the movie "The Thin Blue Line" cast doubt on the evidence.

Judge Larry Baraka said he denied the motion because Adams' attorneys did not prove that he was

wrongly indicted.

"We don't know if he did or didn't do it," Baraka said. (AP) . . .

Abortion poll: A majority of Americans say a woman should have the right to an abortion and oppose new abortion restrictions by the states, according to a Washington Post-ABC news poll.

The poll also indicates that men between age 35 and 44 generally support abortion rights in greater numbers than any other segment of the population, and that women—especially those opposed to abortion—are more likely to base their vote solely on the issue.

Asked whether a woman should be able to get an abortion if she wants one, no matter what the reason, 54 per cent said yes and 45 per cent said no. (Kuna)

Nursery home catches fire: A fire blazed on carefree smoking struck a nursing home in Norfolk, Virginia, while patients were going to sleep, killing nine people and injuring nearly 100 as rescuers dashed patients to safety through halls flooded with choking smoke.

The elderly evacuates, some in bedclothes and some of whom were naked when they were saved, were helped down halls and down ladders as firefighters tackled the blaze, reported at 10:30 pm (0230 GMT) Thursday.

The officer was writing a summons when "he heard a pop and the bullet went through his shirt near the shoulder, penetrating the first layer of his vest," said Sgt. John Clifford, a police spokesman.

The officer was not seriously injured, Clifford said. He was taken to the Kings County Hospital, where he was expected to be released, Clifford said. (AP)

Giant heads black marketed: Wild gibbons, along with other protected animals, are being decapitated live so their heads can be sold at a Bangkok market for souvenirs, the newspaper said. Bangkok, Thailand reported yesterday.

Phairat Suwanakorn, director-general of the forestry department, reacting to the report, told the Associated Press measures were being taken to stop the blackmarket wildlife trade at a sprawling Bangkok market which does business on weekends.

Space agency denies: The space agency told a federal court yesterday there are no safety reasons for stopping next week's launch of a nuclear-powered probe from the space shuttle and that opponents were spreading "a tale of horrors."

"There is no evidence that these horrors will in fact or are likely to occur," the National Aeronautics and Space Administration told US district judge Oliver Gasch in a court filing.

"For the time being we are alive and there is no civil war, although there could be."

Gasch yesterday urged Poles to show patience, self-denial and confidence in the new government whose formation ended 45 years of communist rule.

"We pray for peace, because we know that in peace there is a rebirth of our homeland. Peace is development," Gasch said at a meeting of Poland's bishops in the northern port of Gdansk.

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Israel to buy subs

LONDON, Oct 7. (Kuns): West German companies were considering the sale of two advanced submarines to Israel, using an American firm as a "go-between" in the transactions, according to a report here today.

The independent newspaper pointed out that the planned sale of the Dolphin-class vessel comes despite the long-term West German ban on selling weapons to the Middle East.

EC appeals

PARIS, Oct 7. (Reuter): The 12-member European Community (EC) yesterday made a strong appeal to Israel to reopen universities in the occupied territories, shut down since the Palestinian uprising began nearly 22 months ago.

The community and its member states request the Israeli government in the strongest terms to end without delay the closure of the universities and other higher-level educational institutions in the occupied territories, a statement released in Paris said.

Qichen in Iran

CYPRUS, Oct 7. (AP): Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen met with his Iranian counterpart in Tehran today and voiced his country's backing for full implementation of the ceasefire agreement between Iran and Iraq, the official Islamic Republic news agency reported.

IRNA, monitored in Cyprus, said the Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati and Qichen discussed the latest developments in China and the Middle East.

Traffickers hanged

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Oct 7. (AP): Thirty-two drug traffickers, including three women, were executed in Iran today, the state media reported.

The drug smugglers were tried by Islamic revolutionary courts which are charged with implementing the tough new laws under an anti-narcotic campaign launched last December, the Islamic Republic News Agency said.

Unannounced visit

AMMAN, Oct 7. (Reuter): A Libyan envoy arrived in Amman on a previously-unannounced visit yesterday to discuss Arab developments and ways to improve relations between Libya and Jordan.

The state-run news agency Petra said Major Al Khoudri Al Hamidi, a member of Libya's revolutionary command council, brought a message for King Hussein.

Sudan aid

KHARTOUM, Oct 7. (Reuter): The head of Sudan's relief and rehabilitation commission was quoted today as saying 103,000 tons of relief aid had been sent to famine-stricken areas of the south since April.

Kamil Showgat said the aid, which represented 98 per cent of the supplies promised by Operation Lifeline-Sudan, an international undertaking to avert starvation in the south, the official Sudanese news agency Ssuma reported.

Corpses handed over

BEIRUT, Oct 7. (Reuter): Lebanon's Christian forces have handed over to the Red Cross 177 bodies of Druze fighters killed on Christian territory, the Lebanese Red Cross said today.

A Red Cross statement said the bodies of Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) militiamen, killed in a major offensive of the six-month-old conflict, were collected yesterday.

Hejaz railway

AMMAN, Oct 7. (AP): The historic Hejaz railway, repeatedly attacked during World War I by the legendary Lawrence of Arabia and his Arab raiders, will again reopen between Damascus and Amman next week after a six-year hiatus, railroad officials said today.

Four trains a month will make the journey in each direction, with the first scheduled to leave Damascus on Thursday morning and return from Amman Friday.

The official Jordan news agency, Petra, quoted railroad director Mohammed Mohieddin Kraishan as saying the resumed service was agreed in July by the two countries' transportation ministers.

Undesirable

TUNIS, Oct 7. (Reuter): Tunisian Islamic leader Sheikh Rachid Ghannouchi was asked to leave Cairo because the authorities there considered his presence was "undesirable," associates in Tunis said yesterday.

They told Reuters that the Egyptian authorities were irritated by remarks made by Ghannouchi at a conference on Islam and nationalism organised in Cairo last month by the Arab Unity Studies Centre.

Nasser's son-greeted

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak (right) greets late President Gamal Abdul Nasser's son, Abdul

Hakim, during a visit to his father's tomb in Cairo. (Reuter wirephoto)

Khamenei recalls radicals

NICOSIA, Oct 7. (AP): Iran's spiritual leader has reappointed several leading radicals to the Expediency Council set up to resolve differences between Parliament and the conservative Council of Guardians, Iran's official news agency reported yesterday.

But the move by Ayatollah Ali Khamenei appeared to be largely symbolic because the so-called pragmatists led by President Hashemi Rafsanjani will still dominate by Khamenei to the Expediency Council for a three-year term.

Under recent constitutional reforms that have largely eliminated competing power centres in Iran's political system, the Expediency

Council is also believed to have lost some of its importance.

The Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, said Ahmad Khomeini, son of Iran's late revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini, former Prime Minister Hussain Musavi and former prosecutor-general Musavi Khoeni were among several prominent Iranians reappointed by Khamenei to the Expediency Council for a three-year term.

All are key radicals opposed to the pragmatists who include Khamenei, who was elected to succeed Khomeini after his death

on June 3. The brief Irma despatch indicated that Khamenei has expanded the size of the Expediency Council.

It was established by Khomeini with 13 members in February 1988 to break a logjam of legislation, primarily on economic reforms, passed by the 270-seat Parliament during Musavi's term in office but blocked by the 12-member Council of Guardians.

That is a constitutional watchdog body which has the power to veto legislation it considers does not adhere to Islamic tenets.

UN condemns Israeli killings

OIC questions Tel Aviv's credentials

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 7. (Agencies): The General Assembly yesterday condemned Israel's "killing and wounding of defenceless Palestinian civilians" in revolt in the occupied territories.

A resolution denouncing Israeli rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip passed by 140 votes, with only Israel and the United States voting against it. All other Western nations and Japan voted for condemnation.

Six nations abstained: Uruguay, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, El Salvador, Zaire, Antigua and Barbuda, and Grenada.

"Conveniently absent from the resolution is any reference to the resort to violence by Palestinian extremists," said Israeli Ambassador Johanan Beni.

Noting that at least 120 Palestinians have been killed by fellow Arabs who accused them of collaborating with Israel, Beni said the residents of the occupied territories: "Indeed they need protection. Palestinian citizens are being slain by PLO terrorists."

Israelis, PLO look to US for ME help

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 7. (Reuter): Both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict looked to the United States to aid the peace process after Israel's inner cabinet rejected an Egyptian proposal to host direct talks.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's hardline Likud ministers blocked the proposal yesterday that had been backed by the more dovish Labour Party members of the coalition government.

Shamir told Israel television he welcomed Egypt's participation in the peace process, but said Israel was not obliged to accept every Egyptian proposal.

The resolution expresses "profound shock at the continued measures by Israel, the occupying power, including the killing and wounding of Palestinian civilians and the recent action of ransacking the houses of defenceless citizens in the Palestinian town of Beit Sahur."

Israel began tax raids on Beit Sahur on Sept 20, and troops have confiscated at least \$500,000 worth of household goods and machinery.

The mayor of Beit Sahur, Hanna Al Atash, estimated that 90 per cent of the town has boycotted Israeli taxes.

The General Assembly resolution condemns such practices as "the opening of fire by the Israeli army and settlers that result in the killing and wounding of defenceless Palestinian civilians, the beating and breaking of bones, the deportation of Palestinian civilians," and economic crackdowns.

Islamic foreign ministers have decided to send a letter to the UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar expressing reservations about Israel's UN credentials, according to a statement issued yesterday.

It said ministers of the 46-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference, at a meeting on Wednesday, also called for stepped-up efforts to ensure international protection for the Palestinian people.

The Army blocked more than 1,000 Israelis in a "peace now" convoy today from visiting the West Bank town of Tulkarm, but peace activists and prominent Palestinians vowed to push for talks between the two people.

Shops and offices were closed throughout the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip for a second consecutive day in a strike called to show solidarity with residents of Beit Sahur, where the Israeli tax raids have been under way for two weeks.

Wanted Israeli offers anti-terror course

WASHINGTON, Oct 7. (AP): An Israeli officer, wanted by Colombia in connection with alleged training of drug-cartel hit squads, is offering US citizens a two-week anti-terrorism course that includes instruction in hostage rescue and sniper techniques.

Klein told police investigating the case in Israel that he trained Colombian farmers to protect themselves against leftist guerrillas and was unaware of any connection to the country's drug lords.

Michael Epstein, who runs a security company called International Association of Airborne Veterans Ltd., said his firm had received the franchise from Hod Hahamit, Hebrew for spearhead, to run foreigners through the Israeli anti-terrorism assault to rescue hostages from built-up areas or

from aircraft."

The training is being conducted by Hod Hahamit, an Israeli security firm run by reserve Col Yaakov Klein. Colombia last month issued an arrest warrant for Klein and for another Israeli, accusing them of training drug cartel hit squads.

But the Chicago-based company that is recruiting for the course said yesterday that the first session, scheduled to start in Israel on Nov 25, would probably be cancelled because applicants so far lack the required experience.

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New airport terminal approved

Travel cards to be scrapped

KUWAIT, Oct. 7. (Kuna): Director of Kuwait International Airport Zohair Al Zamil today announced that a new passengers terminal with a capacity of 5 million passengers a year is to be built.

Zamil, speaking to Kuna, affirmed that a budget for the project, which includes construction of hangars, catering, communications and services facilities, was approved.

Zamil pointed out that arriving and departing passengers in and from Kuwait International Airport during 1988 reached 2,753,368.

MPH begins Aids testing course at laboratories

A TRAINING course on the modalities of undertaking medical examinations of Aids patients was started in Kuwait yesterday. The course which is the second of its kind is organised by the Ministry of Public Health in co-operation with the regional bureau of World Health Organisation (WHO) — Mediterranean region based in Alexandria (Egypt). WHO selected Kuwait in 1986 to be an assisting centre in the field of Aids examinations in the region.

The course to last until Oct. 11 is being attended by delegations from Oman, Qatar, Syria, UAE, Afghanistan and Kuwait. The sessions and lectures are being held at the virus laboratory of the Health Ministry, the Central Blood Bank lab and the assisting lab of WHO at the Faculty of Medicine of Kuwait University. Participants will study the latest medical and scientific methods used in field of Aids examinations and latest methods of prevention of the disease.

Meanwhile, the head of the school health and awareness development in Kuwait's Ministry of Public Health Dr Hussain Al Momen has said that the Anti-Trachoma Programme adopted by the department had proved significantly successful in fighting the disease.

In an interview with a local daily, Momen stated that the programme's enforcement had reduced casualties to seven per cent while casualties recorded by World Health Organisation (WHO) team in 1981 amounted to 80 per cent.

He added that the Anti-Trachoma Programme had been evaluated last year through a field study and had confirmed the effectiveness of medications used in preventing this disease in pupils at schools. He confirmed that his department is striving to overcome the problem among children in the primary stage.

The application of the programme this year will coincide with an awareness programme for parents.

Momen described the complications of trachoma as dangerous and commented that it could cause blindness. He called on parents to co-operate with the School Health and Awareness Department to achieve the targeted objectives.

On the other hand, the official announced that his department will inoculate scholarship students against the liver fluke adding that people working in areas related to food and dental clinics will also be subject to the inoculation.

KLU celebrates silver jubilee

KUWAIT Labourers Union will celebrate the silver jubilee of the foundation of the union on Oct. 21. The head of the committee set up to celebrate the occasion Musallam Al Barak has said that Kuwait Labourers Union gained significant status at the local, Arab and international levels during the last 25 years. He added that celebrations will last for one week. The celebration will start with artistic shows, opening of a documentary exhibit about the union, and a speech festival.

A seminar will be held on the second day of the festival on the role of popular organisation in supporting national unity. Another seminar about the role of these organisations in facing decisions of the International Monetary Fund will be held on the third day.

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Its back breaking work, but life goes on.

Families eking out a living from garbage

How the other side lives

A 75-YEAR-OLD lady was reported dead two months after her body was found under a pile of garbage. Medical reports indicated that the old lady was run over by a heavy duty tractor used for garbage burial. The body was found at the garbage disposal site in Juleeb Al Shiyoukh area on the Seventh Ring Road. Investigations still continue with the tractor driver.

A local daily followed up this report and visited the same garbage disposal site where surprisingly there are large numbers of young children. What really catches the eye is that there are no men there, despite the fact that to be able to enter this desert area, one should have four-wheel drive vehicle because of the rough difficult terrain. Is it poverty that pushes these people to look for a living in garbage dumps?

It seems that these people understand the real value of garbage and scrap, therefore they dig in deep into really smelly stuff to extract scraps of value that might be found.

Meanwhile, they forget and neglect what they may be exposed to, like diseases which they may be infected with and then transfer these to society at large. Most of these people search for clothes and then clean and re-sell them at the Friday market, others come and buy them without knowing where they come from.

Are these the real reasons or are there other reasons that push a mother for instance to bring her children with her each morning to search inside garbage piles to pick up scrap iron, and other metals, also vehicle batteries, empty cans, second hand clothes and every other thing which may bring them money.

Here is what some mothers and children had to say when interviewed at Juleeb Al Shiyoukh garbage disposal site.

Rahifa T., a mother and a wife, said her husband works in the army at a small salary which is really not sufficient to make ends meet. Expenses include house rent and the cost of schooling for her children. She added that she is forced to bring her children with her to collect scrap metal and empty cans to resell them. She said that one kilogramme of scrap metal is sold at KD.250. She said that she has to bring all of her children to the site to be able to get them through school.

Her oldest daughter had to quit school because the family couldn't afford it, she added. "We cannot find any other

source but, garbage piles to obtain money," she stressed. She said that Allah will protect her children because they really need the money. Not going to the garbage dump would mean that her children cannot go to school any more, she said.

Rahifa indicated that her children go to school during the evening and that they go to the dump each morning and leave by Zohr prayers when her husband comes to take them home in his pick up truck. She added that when her children go with her they work collectively and therefore end up with large amounts of empty cans and other metal scrap. They are able to run fast when municipality patrols come to inspect the area, she stated.



There are dangers of course!

Her daughter, Kafya who is 13 years old indicated that she left school when she was at the first primary grade because there was not enough money to cover her education. School cost her family nearly KD400 annually.

On the other hand, Mohammed said that he is a student at the fourth intermediate grade and that his school begins in the afternoons. He added that he has nine brothers and his father is unemployed for the time being. He wakes up very early every morning to collect old clothes from the garbage dump site and then resells them at the Friday market. One item is sold at 300 fils.

Awadh A., a student in the fourth intermediate grade said that he goes to the site to collect anything which may be resold. Frankly, he said the garbage dump is full of everything that may come to mind like, metal scrap, and good chairs "sometimes we find complete living room sets, in addition to new clothes, electrical appliances, and car batteries, everything here has a price," he said. One battery has a price of 500 fils and one living room set can be sold for KD10,000. Some of the things are sold by piece and others are sold by the kilogramme.

Kareema said that she feels embarrassed to talk about her situation, but added that if this will help her she will talk. She said that her husband is married to another woman and that she is a mother of 13 children. She does not receive any money from her husband, and she turned to sifting garbage so that she could live with respect.

She added that she searched for work everywhere but, unfor-

tunately did not find anything. "Frankly, I am sifting through garbage to be able to feed my children," she stated.

Meanwhile, Mohammed said that his little hungry brothers are the reason he goes to the site. He is a student and is still in school but, he travels to garbage dump before school hours to search for car batteries, and scrap metals particularly iron. He indicated that a battery is sold at 500 fils. Sometimes he collects ten batteries a day and on other days even more than that.

Mohammed, who is 11 years old said that his father takes him to the garbage dump each day and leaves him there with empty bags to be able to fill them with anything that may be of value. He added that his father works

at the dump site to pick him up each afternoon.

One of the officials at Kuwait Municipality said that many people go to the garbage disposal sites to search for scrap. He stressed that one person who goes there every morning indicated that he completely depends on these sites for a living and that he receives monthly income of KD500 from this work.

He said that the old lady who died at the garbage disposal site at the Seventh Ring Road was run over by a tractor. The driver is not employed at the municipality but, under the sponsorship of a private cleaning contractor. He said that most of the people seen at these locations would not be able to enter them unless during early morning when the shift changes.

On the danger of this work, the official added that sifting through garbage will expose people to great danger which may lead to death like the old lady. He said that most of these people refuse to leave when asked by tractor operators and sometimes may threaten them with a knife or by throwing a lit match in the garbage. He stressed that he personally closed down four holes made by these people. These holes are used to get at the garbage below the ground.

The official indicated that nearly 450 vehicles enter the location every day and that some of these vehicles are attached to the municipality and others are operated by private cleaning contractors. He pointed out that the average daily rate of individual garbage in Kuwait is one kilogramme, meanwhile the international rate is 250 kilogrammes only.

The official stressed on the need to compact expending within rational bounds, to cope with variables of the world economic and financial markets and the negative impact of these changes on the local economy and financial position, whether directly or indirectly.

border centres. The relevant authorities are now storing data and information in the computer as a prelude to dispensing with these cards. Studies are being undertaken to determine time that passengers should wait when they leave or arrive without these cards, he said.

Subai pointed out that authorities have a plan to develop work procedures at the land border centres by using the latest technological equipment and expansion of buildings. The plan is expected to be carried out within the next three years, he said.

Meantime, the director of exits department at the General Administration of Immigration Affairs Col. Mohammed Al Subai has said that the department is planning to do away with the present system of cards that passengers fill at airport or

border check points in the form of official letters of notification, such as those banned from traveling for reasons of compulsory conscription and those who are involved in investigative procedures or legal cases. The department feeds those names into the mainframe computer.

To ensure that no innocent people are mistakenly implicated in the process, the problem of similarity in names will soon disappear, Col. Mohammad Ibrahim Al Subai, director of Kuwaiti exits at the General Department for Immigration Affairs said.

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Amir acquaints cabinet with trip details

Hospitality of hosts appreciated

KUWAIT, Oct 7, (Kuna): His Highness the Amir today presided over a cabinet meeting and acquainted the cabinet with the outcome of his recent tour that included Iraq, France, Guinea, Mali and Niger.

HH informed the Council of Ministers of his positive talks with Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein over Arab issues, joint Arab co-operation and promotion of bilateral fraternal ties in all spheres, Planning Minister and Acting State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Dr. Abdel Rahman Al Awadi said.

Appreciation was expressed by HH for the Iraqi hospitality accorded to him and to the accompanying delegation.

HH also explained to the cabinet the results of his visit to France and the talks he

held with President Francois Mitterrand and senior French officials over a number of Arab and internal issues topped by the Palestinian and Lebanese problems as well as the efforts exerted with the aim of consolidating peace and stability in the Arabian Gulf region through implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 598.

Relations

HH hailed France's firm stand and those of President Mitterrand, toward just Arab causes, stressing the effective French role in support of the Palestinian question to enable the Palestinians to restore their legitimate rights and to help establish comprehensive and just peace in

the region.

Talks also tackled development of Kuwaiti-French relations and enhancement of bilateral co-operation between the two friendly countries in all areas, particularly in the economic, investment and trade spheres. HH also voiced appreciation French hospitality he and the accompanying delegation received during the visit.

HH acquainted the cabinet with the talks he held with the leaders of Guinea, Mali and Niger over fostering bilateral ties, joint Islamic action and Afro-Arab solidarity.

HH informed the cabinet that views were identical toward all issues discussed with the leaders of the three African states

and expressed satisfaction with their support to Islamic action in compliance with the goals of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

Praising efforts made by Kuwaiti charitable societies in Africa and the cooperation between public and private bodies in this regard, HH urged all parties concerned to continue their great efforts in favour of Islamic nation.

Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah expressed deep appreciation for the efforts made by HH the Amir during his successful tour which materialised Kuwait's principled stands and policy, and maintained the keenness of HH in translating principles into actions for peace and stability world over.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Premier's cable

KUWAIT, Oct 7, (Kuna): His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah today sent a cable of congratulations to German Democratic Republic Prime Minister Willi Stoph on the occasion of his country's national day.

Schwarzkopf arrives
KUWAIT, Oct 7, (Kuna): Commander-in-Chief of US Central Command Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf arrived here today for a several-day visit to the country.

The US military official was greeted at the airport by Chief of Staff Major General Mazied Al Sane, Deputy Chief of Staff Major General Jaber Al Khaled Al Sabah, other senior officers and the US Ambassador to Kuwait, W. Nathanial Howell.

EPC project

KUWAIT, Oct 7, (Kuna): The Environmental Protection Council (EPC) will discuss at a meeting tomorrow the environmental consequences of constructing six suburbs and housing units off Kuwait's shores.

Deputy director of EPC Mahmoud Yousef told Kuna that the project, under the name of "Kuwait's Pearls," has been approved by many ministries in Kuwait and is now being discussed from an environmental point of view.

The project is to be initiated by private investors under which they would extend Kuwait's shores into the Gulf.

Taxation talks

KUWAIT, Oct 7, (Kuna): Kuwait and Yugoslavia today concluded their first round of talks on the issue of "avoiding double taxation."

The four-day deliberations were attended by representatives of the Kuwait Finance Ministry, Public Investment Authority and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The second round of talks will be held in Belgrade, the Yugoslav capital, later this year.

Graduate courses

EXPATRIATE Indians in the Gulf are being offered correspondence courses leading to graduate and post-graduate degrees from an Indian university, according to Prof. Mathur S. Subramanian.

Subramanian said the B.Ed. and M.Ed. degree course can also be taken up by graduates who have no previous teaching experience.

Students, who enrol for these courses, will be able to sit for written and practical exams in December, 1990, in Abu Dhabi, Manama and Kuwait.

The degrees will be awarded by the Annamalai University of Tamil Nadu. Tuition costs US\$50 per student.

Further information about correspondence studies can be had from Abu Dhabi Educational Institute, P.O. Box 7542, Abu Dhabi.

Record profit for Air India in July '89

AIR-INDIA has recorded a net profit of Re9.04 crores during the month of July 1989 as against Rs.5.05 crores in July last year. This substantial increase in the net profit from Rs1.85 crores achieved during the period April to June 1989, reflects the emerging strength of the corporation and indicates a trend for the future. With this profit, Air-India has recorded a net profit of Rs10.89 crores during the period April to July 1989, as against a loss of Rs.6.30 crores in the corresponding period in 1988-89.

In a message to employees, Rajan Jetley, Managing Director of Air-India, has stated "I say without hesitation that this is a result of the new motivation, team spirit and close cooperation amongst the employees, both at the individual and inter-departmental levels and should be sustained at all costs."



Bhutan's Foreign Minister Dawa Tsering with Kuwait's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Ossaimi.

King of Bhutan to visit Kuwait soon

Tsering paves the way

KUWAIT, Oct 7, (Kuna): Social Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Nasser and Sheikh Fahd sports relations and co-operation in the domains of youth activities particularly on Olympic occasions.

Sheikh Nasser hosted a dinner party in the honour of Tsering at his residence last evening.

The Bhutanese Foreign Minister also called on State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Ossaimi where they discussed bilateral relations and means of promoting them particularly in the field of youth, sports and social activities.

Sheikh Nasser told Kuna that the meeting was very successful thanks to the strong ties binding the two friendly peoples.

He said the Bhutanese King Jigme Singye would pay a visit to Kuwait in the near future.

Present at the meeting were Chairman of the Olympic Council of Asia and the Kuwaiti Olympic Committee Sheikh Fahd Al Sabah, the ministry's Undersecretary Issa Yassin, Assistant Undersecretaries and the Bhutanese Charge d'Affaires.

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Kuwait's laws guarantee protection

Seminar against child abuse held

THE Kuwait Child Rehabilitation and Education Centre yesterday hosted a lecture under the title: "The torture and neglect child within the framework of the Arab Child Day."

Dr Jasem Mohammad Hajiyah, a psychiatrist at the juvenile care department and specialist psychologist at the centre, and lawyer Suad Al Tarawrah, member of the teaching staff at the Commercial Institute were the main lecturers at the function.

Suad Tarawrah criticised in her speech the legal aspects of the tortured child, and the legal vacuum from which children suffered. She said that this child problem is the direct result of psychological disturbances sustained from repeated outbursts by parents in front of children.

She pointed out that Kuwaiti laws provide for the protection of child's rights, regardless of time or place, and the Islamic sharia was the first religious system to provide and safeguard a child's rights since his conception throughout his developmental stages after delivery.

The careful selection of the qualified wife was one right of the child to a caring mother who would be qualified for attending to all his needs throughout his life. Under Islamic sharia, spouses had the right to separation if one should disqualify the other on grounds of failure to be a good parent.

She stressed Islam's protection of the child's life in banning abortion, and guaranteeing a child's right to breast-feeding, while making it incumbent on the expectant mother to take good care of herself during pregnancy.

She added that the child enjoyed the right to a good education and due attention, highlighting the right of the child to claim parenthood and carry their names, under the personal status laws.

Custody

She called for legally binding parents against jeopardising the life of their child, and recommended the formation of a special parenthood council to undertake child custody in cases where original parents fail to grant him due and decent parenthood.

Dr Jasem Hajiyah then delivered his lecture in which he reviewed the different psychological effects of child-abuse which took a long time to disappear. He pointed out that most cases of child abuse involved relatives and persons close to the child, such as their custodians and teachers.

He reviewed cases from the Kuwaiti community which involved child abuse caused by ignorance, lack of adequate awareness, and failure to manage children at an early age.

Another reason for child abuse was that bad habits are handed down from earlier generations, despite changes in time and outdated methods pursued in child treatment.

He blamed the lack of deterrent laws to curb child abuse practices, which encouraged many parents to go far in their maltreatment of their children thus escaping responsibility before the law. The results of course range from physical to psychological infliction of harm, which takes time to appear and longer to disappear if brought to attention and medical care.

The results of studies so far concluded by the authority showed increasing birth rates, which overshadowed mortalities,

rates during the upcoming period besides other studies aimed at providing the civil data service required for the National Housing Authority, the Savings Bank, the Civil Service Commission, the Municipality, the Public Works Ministry and the Zakat House.

The authority is currently involved in studying the projected population growth

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Thought for today

I BELIEVE in the discipline of silence and can talk for hours about it — George Bernard Shaw, English playwright (1856-1950).

OPINION

All the eyes on Taif meeting

THE debate in the Saudi Arabian mountain town of Taif, where the deputies have been meeting, has evoked lively interest among all Lebanese people who are eager to follow-up and know the results of the meetings of their parliamentarians.

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz has spared no efforts in bringing about this meeting. These efforts should not be wasted and Lebanese deputies should achieve what the Lebanese people aspire — the end to the civil war, end to its political crisis, and the departure of all foreign invading forces from Lebanon.

We do not want to be bound by that perennial question which science has as yet not answered: which came first — the egg or the chicken? Translated, this relates to which comes first — expelling the invading forces before or after having an internal settlement.

If there is a genuine desire to ask the foreign forces to leave Lebanon, there are many ways to reach a solution, unless somebody is erecting barriers intended to avert a solution, in which case salvation will be impossible.

Saudi Arabia has succeeded in gathering the Lebanese deputies in Taif. The question is whether this gathering is being wished success or not? If there are good intentions there will be success, if not, there will be failure.

Those who have the keys of success or failure should understand that powers which work to abort this meeting stand exposed. People are no longer cheated by the diplomatic expressions of these powers.

We reiterate that the failure of this meeting with the continuation of the civil war will have adverse reflections beyond Lebanon. This war will also goad other parties to intervene in Lebanon — a scenario we do not desire.

We are indeed sorry to learn that some Lebanese politicians proceeded to Iran to encourage it to take on a more active role and have stronger presence and power in Lebanon.

The Iraq-Iran war has stopped and many parties lost due to the stoppage. These parties should understand that they will also lose from the continuation of the civil war in Lebanon. Lebanon witnessed a "hot war" for 45 days, but it failed to weaken the steadfastness of the Lebanese.

We wish the Taif meeting every success, failing which, it will have repercussions on those who worked to bring about its downfall in the mistaken belief that they can misguide people by their political and diplomatic manoeuvrings.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Winds of detente are no breeze

AS far as Japan's defence authorities are concerned, the winds of detente in East-West relations are barely a breeze.

In a just-released annual "white paper," the Japan Defence Agency (JDA) questions the sincerity of Soviet disarmament proposals while accusing Moscow of pursuing continued strengthening of its military forces. The report points to a growing "threat to Japan" from Soviet military forces deployed in the Far East.

The tough line of the defence report is designed, analysts say, to justify a continued substantial hike in defence spending, which the agency seeks. In August the agency submitted a proposed budget for next year which calls for 6.35 per cent growth in an almost \$30 billion budget.

The defence plans are being challenged, however, by the resurgent Japan Socialist Party, which emerged from parliamentary elections last July as the leader of an opposition coalition.

"In this age of detente, we will reverse a political trend from military expansion to favouring peace and disarmament, with the key word being 'common security,'" Socialist leader Takako Doi said.

Ms Doi presented a new policy platform for a coalition trend which pledges to respect the existing US-Japan Security Treaty but advocates eventual withdrawal of United States bases from Japan and suspension of joint military exercises. The Socialists would retain the Self-Defence Forces (as the military is called) for the purpose of defending Japanese territory but would limit spending to less than one per cent of gross national product (close to the current level).

The Socialists presented their stance as a move towards the centre, discarding a long-standing policy to abolish the security pact and practice "unarmed neutrality." But opinion polls show most Japanese do not support those views.

While the relative moderation of the Socialist policy has been welcomed, the new platform would severely limit the security alliance with the US. Doi called for adherence to Japan's three non-nuclear principles of not producing, possessing, or introducing nuclear weapons in Japan.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1843 — Anglo-Chinese commercial treaties confirm Treaty of Nanking.
- 1858 — "Arrow incident" — in which ship flying British flag is boarded by Chinese, provoking second Anglo-Chinese war.
- 1895 — Queen of Korea is assassinated with Japanese connivance.
- 1903 — United States and China sign commercial treaty.
- 1912 — Montenegro declares war on Turkey.
- 1934 — Bruno Hauptmann is indicted on murder charge in death of infant son of US aviation pioneer Charles Lindbergh.
- 1939 — Germany incorporates western Poland into Third Reich in World War II.
- 1954 — Communist Vietnamese forces occupy Hanoi.
- 1961 — Prince Souvanna Phouma is chosen premier of new provisional coalition government in Laos.
- 1975 — Heavy fighting in Beirut and northern Lebanon takes at least 25 lives and shatters latest truce between warring Christians and Muslims.
- 1978 — Israeli cabinet decides to send its entire seven-member Ministerial Defence Committee to renewed peace talks with Egypt in Washington, DC.
- 1984 — China announces plan to make primary school education compulsory by year 1990 and eradicate adult illiteracy by 1995.
- 1987 — Tamil militants kill at least 24 people, most of them Sinhalese, as Indian peacekeeping troops fan out to quell violence in northern and eastern Sri Lankan provinces.
- 1988 — At least seven people are reported killed in clashes between rioters and security forces in Algeria's western port city of Oran.

Moscow reduces aid to Third World Marxists

Great Soviet military retreat

MIKHAIL Gorbachev appears to be presiding over an unprecedented Soviet military retreat from the Third World.

He has pulled Soviet troops out of Afghanistan, approved Cuba's agreement to withdraw from Angola, and encouraged Vietnam's impending departure from Cambodia. Gorbachev has also drastically reduced Soviet aid to Marxist revolutionaries elsewhere.

This retrenchment, however, does not mean Gorbachev is no longer interested in the Third World. In fact, he continues to pursue important military objectives there just as his predecessors did.

Nikita Khrushchev and Leonid Brezhnev had basically two military goals in the Third World. The first was the reduction of United States military access to Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The second was the mirror image of the first: the expansion of Soviet military access to these regions.

The most important means by which previous Soviet leaders — especially Brezhnev — pursued these goals was through support for Marxist revolution. When successful, Marxist revolution could achieve both goals. A new Marxist regime would immediately expel any Western presence, and such a regime would often seek to establish close military ties with Moscow and its allies.

This policy was extremely successful. The West lost its military facilities in every Third-World country in which Marxist revolution occurred. And the Soviets or their allies acquired bases in many of them, including Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Afghanistan, South Yemen, Angola, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Cuba, and Nicaragua.

But by the time Gorbachev came to power, it was evident that Moscow's success in expanding its military presence in the Third World was causing problems for the Soviets. Increasing intervention by the Soviet Union and its allies in Asia, Africa, and Latin America during the 1970s contributed to the breakdown of detente and arms control negotiations. In addition, many of the new Marxist Third-World regimes were unable to quell domestic opposition. As in Afghanistan, Angola, and Cambodia, an extremely costly, long-term military commitment was needed just to keep them in power.

While Brezhnev may have hoped that Marxist revolution in one country would increase the prospects for revolution in the neighbouring states, this seldom occurred. In fact, where revolution did take place, the neighbouring countries often turned to the US and the West for military support. The successful extension of Soviet military access to some countries through revolution then frequently led to increased US military access to neighbouring states.

Gorbachev has recognized the problems that resulted from Moscow's effort to extend Soviet military access to the Third World. His reduction of Soviet aid to revolutionary signals that he sees little advantage for Moscow in acquiring additional weak Marxist allies. Withdrawals from Afghanistan, Angola, and Cambodia indicate that he does not place a high value on retaining bases in these countries — at least, not at the cost retaining them would require.

This, however, does not mean Gorbachev is willing to abandon all his Third-World Marxist allies. He has shown no willingness to give up Soviet military access to Vietnam, South Yemen, Ethiopia, or Cuba. Nevertheless, Gorbachev has largely abandoned the goal of extending Soviet influence through support for revolution.



MIKHAIL GORBACHEV

This does not mean Gorbachev has abandoned the goal of reducing American military access to the Third World. Virtually every one of Gorbachev's regional peace proposals (for Asia and the Pacific, the Arabian Gulf, the Indian Ocean, and elsewhere) would, if accepted, result in a greatly diminished US presence in that region.

Despite glasnost and improved Soviet-American relations, Soviet diplomacy and propaganda continue to portray the US as the enemy of the Third World as well as the USSR. Brezhnev also tried to convince non-Marxist Third-World states of this. He largely failed because these governments saw Moscow supporting Marxist revolutionaries trying to overthrow other non-communist regimes.

Since Gorbachev has drastically reduced support for revolution, his efforts to improve relations with non-Marxist Third-World governments have been more successful. While he has not yet succeeded in influencing any government to expel the US, his diplomacy has helped raise the issue of whether military co-operation with Washington should continue in strategically important countries such as the Philippines, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and, and will not be achieved easily. (CSM)

Kenya.

The danger, of course, is that Gorbachev's diplomatic campaign may eventually succeed in substantially reducing US military access to the Third World. If it does, the Soviets will be in a much better position to reassert and expand their own influence there later.

However, there are important obstacles which Gorbachev's diplomacy faces. So long as Third-World countries have conflicting interests, one party to a dispute is always likely to seek US assistance if the other side receives Soviet help.

It is, of course, possible that non-Marxist Third-World governments will decide that close military ties to the US are necessary, if Moscow's policy toward them is friendly. The problem for Moscow, however, is that if these states see Soviet behaviour become threatening again, they could quickly turn back to the US for protection. The success of Gorbachev's policy depends on maintaining a non-threatening Soviet posture over the long term; not just for a short period. Gorbachev's aim of reducing American military access to the Third World, then, will not be achieved easily. (CSM)

Baltic republics agitate for freedom

IF Poland can shrug off the reins from Moscow, why not the Baltic republics of Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania?

The question seems reasonable enough. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has urged his people to speak out, he has talked of advancing democracy. The problem with doing that is that various people in the Soviet Union's 15 union republics, 18 autonomous republics, 23 autonomous provinces, and 48 autonomous regions have taken him at his word and are agitating for far greater freedom from Moscow, in some cases, even, independence.

Gorbachev has unleashed passions that are bubbling dangerously away among the eight million people of Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania in particular.

This past weekend such problems obliged him to address the USSR on television in sombre mood. He talked of the threat of "approaching chaos... a threatened coup, and even of civil war," but warned Soviets not to fall for such dire rumours. Instead he urged them to continue along the road to "planned change."

It seems clear that Gorbachev is badly rattled by the extent of nationalist dissidence in his country from ethnic minorities. While prepared to permit some relaxation of Soviet control, he is not going to allow secession and independence.

His television speech seemed to carry an implicit

warning against such action. He is not about to preside over the dissolution of the USSR. Poland may have its freedom, but the Baltic states are quite different. Poland is beyond Germany, but the Baltic states are the borderlands of the USSR. Moreover, their loss would provide explosive ammunition to Gorbachev's hard-line critics within the USSR who blame glasnost and perestroika have gone too far and who blame Gorbachev's adventurous policies for stirring ethnic unrest.

Losing chunks of the USSR could cause Gorbachev's downfall. Thus there have been blunt warnings to vocal nationalists in the Baltic states that if they press Moscow's patience too far, Soviet troops may rumble in to put a violent end to independence talk.

In the current issue of "Foreign Affairs," an American expert on the USSR, Gail Lapidus of the University of California, suggests that Gorbachev's policies to power ill-prepared to deal with the nationality problem. By contrast with his predecessors, his political career had not included a stint in a non-Russian republic. He was impatient and insensitive to ethnic feelings, preoccupied by what he considered the larger question of economic reform. Professor Lapidus suggests that the explosion of ethnic nationalism caught Gorbachev initially by surprise. Now he has become increasingly concerned and recognizes that it stands "at the heart of

the issue of reform itself."

Gorbachev is caught, she argues, "between contending forces pressing for and against major changes in nationality policies." His strategy appears to be to build a coalition between reformists elements at the centre and moderates in the various republics and regions around the country. It is a delicate balancing act and one which will require all of Gorbachev's political skills.

If he offers too much liberalisation he may lose a number of states and his political base as well. If he offers too little, he may foment an uprising which would blow the USSR apart.

It is a dilemma for the United States too. Gorbachev has offered increasing hope for the relaxation of world tension. President George Bush has said he would like to see Gorbachev's reformist policies succeed. Bush does not want to see all this halted because Gorbachev is deposed in an explosion over the nationalities issue.

But on the other hand, the US can hardly be seen as condoning Soviet rule over people who clearly do not wish to be governed by the Soviets. A contradiction exists between enthusiasm for Poland's liberation, while remaining mute on Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania.

Small wonder that in capitals around the world there is grime as ethnic minorities test and challenge Moscow's will for change. (CSM)

Repression drives East Germans West

HUGE red banners proclaiming the triumphs of four decades of socialism flap in the breeze outside the austere Communist Party headquarters in East Berlin.

But as it prepares for an extravagant two-day celebration of its 40th anniversary, East Germany is in turmoil.

A generation of East Germans reared on socialist principles is deserting the country in droves, saying their homeland is unbearable. Dissidents who have stayed behind are digging in for a long struggle for democratic reforms in one of Eastern Europe's most tightly-controlled societies.

The desperation of many East Germans was underlined this week in Dresden, where thousands of people shouting "we want out" swarmed the train station hoping to jump on trains carrying refugees to the West.

They battled riot police, and some of the would-be emigres were bled and badly hurt in the melee.

East Germany's aging leaders have rejected calls for reforms. While the country's economy remains the envy of their East bloc neighbours, frustration is mounting because virtually every facet of life is controlled by the state.

"I had to join Communist Youth League and other organizations I never would have been allowed to study, to get a degree or get a good job," said a 30-year-old chemist.

"We're treated like children and patronized by party officials who do everything but tell us when to go to the bathroom."

The mass flight to the West is the main topic for those left behind.

"The place is falling apart, and for good reason," said a 39-year-old truck driver from East Berlin.

state security forces.

Human rights activists and environmental groups are regularly harassed and their members detained. The government recently rejected a petition by an opposition group to legally meet on the grounds that it harboured "anti-state ideas."

Most of East Germany's prominent authors can only publish in West Germany.

Life is the toughest outside the capital, East Berlin, where communists authorities have invested millions of dollars to help it compete with the glitter of capitalist West Berlin.

Residents in Dresden and Leipzig and other provincial cities trudge through dreary neighbourhoods where once elegant turn-of-the-century buildings have crumbled almost beyond repair.

While rents and public transportation are inexpensive — a tram ride still costs about the same as it did 40 years ago — the heavy government subsidies needed to keep prices low mean there is less money for repairs.

But for many East Germans, their isolation from the rest of the world frustrates them the most.

East Germany built the Berlin Wall in 1961 to halt the flow of highly-trained workers emigrating West in record numbers.

Travel to the West is still strictly limited and the recent refugee exodus from Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland has brought unprecedented new travel restrictions even to these Soviet bloc allies.

"They're drawing the noose tighter and tighter," said a 38-year-old secretary who works in an East Berlin government office.

"People are already furious about what's going on her. Something's got to change soon or it's going to explode."

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African veterans remember

World War II still lives on

FIFTY-years-ago, when World War Two erupted in Europe, Bildad Kaggia left his peaceful African village to fight for the white man.

He returned with inspiration to launch another war for freedom — the Mau Mau struggle against Kenya's British rulers.

Kaggia and millions of other Africans served in a war they did not understand, but unleashed a force which transformed Africa and hastened the demise of colonialism.

Now 67 and sporting a bushy grey beard, the former nationalist leader says World War Two gave African soldiers a fresh perspective of the outside world.

"We were led to believe Europeans were superior," Kaggia told Reuters from a small storefront in Gachangiru, 75 km (40 miles) northeast of the capital Nairobi, where he runs a maize milling business.

"But we (who served in the war) had evidence that the European is just like us. He was killed in the war, we saw him working in every job we did," said Kaggia, who had never been outside Kenya before he went to Cairo in 1940.

Kenya, along with Egypt, South Africa and Sierra Leone, was a vital base from which the allies guarded trade routes and supply lines of war material.

By the last year of the war, 400,000 African soldiers were serving the British alone. Millions of others were marching in French and Italian armies and boosting war-time production by labouring on plantations and public works.

But after the war, having risked their lives to help free Europe from fascism, African soldiers came home to countries where they needed passes to travel and were denied the right to vote.

Kaggia said that while serving abroad he got the same pay as whites of the same rank. He was shocked to return to post-war Kenya where blacks still got less.

He quit the army and joined a radical nationalist faction which believed that only guerrilla war would convince the British to hand over power to Africans.

"It was the courage we got from the war which made us go into struggle... the people who were here, they couldn't think they could defeat the Europeans," Kaggia said.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Sheikh Salem praises 3-point plan

Financial institutions urged to develop their own expertise

By Jadranka Porter
Arab Times staff

THE GCC states are not prepared to face the single European market, a Saudi investment banker Khaled Al Fayed said yesterday at a conference opened by Finance Minister Jassim Al Khorafi, who urged local financial institutions to develop their own expertise instead of merely imitating foreign specialists.

"If you ask me if the GCC is prepared for the Europe of 1992 the answer is no," Fayed stressed.

His remarks came in his address at the conference on the globalisation of financial markets and its impact on the GCC countries, which opened yesterday in Kuwait.

Fayed, the chairman of the Kuwait-based Gulf Investment Corporation, said the limited scope of services and products offered by the GCC banks in Europe renders these banks vulnerable to growing international competition.

"Our financial institutions depend on a handful of products and their orientation has been conservative," he said.



Some of those who attended the conference.

But he predicted that integration of financial markets will result in short-term damage, linked to capital outflows and external disturbances.



Jassim Al Khorafi addresses the conference.

Fayed said he was confident that in the long run globalisation of financial markets will result in a healthier financial industry in the region. The extent of improvement, however, largely depends on the revision of the bank's main customer base which has so far heavily relied on the international companies, he pointed out.

He urged the banks to develop

private banking, improve their retail business and cater to the needs of small-size companies.

Fayed noted that the region is overbanked and that some of the small institutions will eventually be forced out of business. "In the 1970s the banks were coming up a dozen showing the lack of strategy and planned action," he said.

The slowdown in local economies and increased competition from abroad means less business for individual banks.

"This will lead to the absorption of a number of the small financial institutions by the larger ones. Some of these small institutions will fall by the way side," he stressed.

The united Europe poses another challenge to the GCC financial institutions, some of which went international when profits at home fell, Fayed pointed out.

"Reciprocity requirements will erode over time the semi-monopolistic position that the GCC banks have enjoyed in their domestic market," he said.

Khorafi called on local financial

institutions to carve out their own niche of expertise and specialised services that would pave their way into the international markets.

"The need for an investment strategy on the governmental, institutional and individual level becomes paramount," she stressed.

Kuwait, he said, has focussed on trading in shares rather than financial papers. In 1988 KHD 700 million worth of shares were traded. New guidelines for the stock-holding companies, now in the making, will not only offset the ill-effects of the economic recession but will launch Kuwait into the 1990s, Khorafi said.

Kuwait's economy is pivoted on free movement of capital and goods, stability and confidence. But he vowed that nationalisation of public spending and domestic borrowing will continue as part of moves to compensate for the drop in oil revenues.

The chairman of the organising committee Dr Moudi Al Hamoud told the conference that the open economies of the Gulf states have been vitally affected by developments in the world markets.

"As a region of surplus investible capital, the GCC is presented with new opportunities as well as risks. The need for an investment strategy on the governmental, institutional and individual level becomes paramount," he stressed.

Addressing the conference during the opening session the Governor of the Central Bank Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah expressed reservations about a speedy solution to the Third World debt crises, despite various initiatives to solve it.

"Each country's situation is different and considerable ingenuity will be needed to achieve results," Sheikh Salem told the conference.

He praised the three-point plan launched by HH the Amir in Dec 1988 which would require considerable flexibility from the creditor countries.

Sheikh Salem discussed the merits of each of the four techniques used in debt or interest reduction, namely debt-equity swaps, debt-for-debt swaps, exit bonds and cash buybacks.

Kuwait trade volume rises

Alshai weekly market review

THE Alshai Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday Oct 4, 1989 an average of 40.11 points with an increase of 0.23 point - 0.58 per cent - from last week's average of Wednesday Sept 27, 1989. The Alshai Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 68.04 with a decrease of 0.35 point - 0.51 per cent - for the same period, according to Alshai weekly market reports.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 38.25 million shares at a daily average of 7.65 million shares with an increase of 59 per cent over the previous week's average of 4.81 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 1.00 million shares at a daily average of 2.00 million shares with a decrease of 56 per cent from last week's daily average of 0.456 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD17.4 million at daily average of KD3.48 million, an increase of 47 per cent over last week's daily average of KD2.36 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.045 million at a daily average of KD0.009 million, a decrease of 44 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.016 million.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector came first at 58 per cent of total trading against 71 per cent last week.

Kuwait Finance House had the lead at 46 per cent followed by The National Bank of Kuwait at 23 per cent and both The Gulf Bank and the Commercial Bank at 10 per cent each. The services sector came second at 35 per cent in which Mobile Telephone Systems Company had the lead at 93 per cent followed by Kuwait Commercial Markets Complex at 7 per cent.

The investment sector came third at 3 per cent in which Kuwait Investment Projects Company had the lead at 7 per cent followed by Commercial Facilities at 9 per cent and Kuwait International Investment Company at 7 per cent. As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Bahrain Middle East had the lead at 56 per cent, followed by Bahrain International Bank at 28 per cent, and Umm Al Qaiwain Cement Company at 16 per cent.

The Kuwaiti shares market showed signs of active performance, while the non-Kuwaiti shares market showed signs of very weak activity. The major event of this week, is the relative increase in trading in the Services sector which was concentrated in the shares of Mobile Telephone Systems Company.

In spite of our belief that the heavy trading concentration in the Banking sector will resume next week, still it will be concentrated in few companies. This concentration would increase with the passing of time unless new sound companies enter the official shares market instead of the big number of companies which are inactive in trading.

The quality of companies' shares which reflect good performance is usually sought in a market free of outside intervention. The stock exchange market is expected to witness similar periods during this present season and in the first quarter of next year, some will be justified and others unjustified.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

Wed. Wed. Change

04/10/89 27/09/89 points

Banking Sector The National Bk 124.96 123.82 1.15

The Gulf Bk 32.81 33.25 -0.44

The Comm. Bk	24.15	24.15	-
Al Ahli Bk	33.81	32.80	1.01
Bk of Kt & ME	30.97	30.97	-
Kuwait R. Est. Bk	28.29	28.29	-
Burgan Bk	27.58	27.58	-
Kt Finance House	81.57	79.10	2.47
Sector Index	49.55	48.18	0.38
Inv. Sector			
Kuwait Inv. Co.	11.02	11.02	-
Kt. Int. Inv. Co.	8.93	9.79	-0.86
IFA	48.90	48.90	-
Comm. Facilities	133.38	132.00	1.38
National Inv.	57.84	58.82	-0.98
Kt. Inv. Proj.	92.13	92.13	-
Sector Index	30.34	30.58	-0.24
Ind. Sector			
Kt. Ins. Co.	38.87	38.87	-
Gulf Ins. Co.	23.85	23.85	-
Warba Ins. Co.	48.80	48.80	-
Sector Index	58.42	58.42	-
Real Est. Sec.			
Kt. Real Est.	16.31	16.31	-
Utd. Realty	5.16	5.16	-
Nat. Real Est.	35.44	35.44	-
Proj. of Kt.	72.22	73.02	-0.79
Sector Index	16.32	16.37	-0.05
Kt. Cmt. Co.	10.91	10.91	-
Ref. Ind.	83.45	82.36	1.10
Gulf Cables	113.13	114.26	-1.13
Kt. Pharm.	70.22	70.22	-
Sector Index	28.82	28.82	-0.06
Services Sector			
Kt. Cmpr. Co.	170.64	170.64	-
Kt. Cinema Co.	8.56	8.56	-
Pub. Whousing Co.	68.69	68.69	-
Kt. Comm. M.Co.	35.91	35.45	0.46
M. Tel. Syst.	342.86	323.81	19.05
Sector Index	50.91	50.92	1.99
Food Sector			
L. Trad. & Transp.	30.51	30.51	-
Utd. Fisheries	10.34	10.34	-
Kt. Utd. Poultry	110.01	110.01	-
Kt. Food Co.	68.97	68.97	-
Sector Index	38.91	38.91	-
Overall Index	40.11	39.88	0.23
Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index			
Wed. Wed. Change			
04/10/89 27/09/89 points			
First G. Bk.	223.68	223.68	-
Bah. Intl. Bk.	88.28	89.66	-1.38
Bah. M.E. Bk.	87.32	87.32	-
Cst. Inv. & Dev. Co.	78.10	78.10	-
A. Gen. Inv. (shuaa)	43.18	43.18	-
Umm Al Q. Cmt.	16.12	16.12	-
G. Med. Projs.	21.78	21.78	-
Total Index	68.04	68.39	-0.35
Base period 31/12/1983.			
All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.			

Bright forecast for Gulf oil

Energy pact under review

BAGHDAD, Oct 7. (Reuter): Oil ministers from the four-nation Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) met in Baghdad today to discuss an oil and energy pact.

The draft agreement was prepared by oil experts in the four states — Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and North Yemen.

It covers co-operation in the oil and energy fields, including unification of oil products specifications and the exchange of expertise in oil exploration and development.

Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul-Rahman Al Chalabi said on Friday the four countries would coordinate their policy in regional and world energy organisations.

Iraq is a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) and the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Oapec) while Egypt belongs to Opec. Jordan and North Yemen belong to neither.

A Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) official was quoted today as saying a single European Community (EC) market in 1992 should increase demand for Gulf Arab oil and petrochemicals.

GCC assistant secretary-general Abdullah Al Quweiz told the Saudi-owned newspaper Asharq Al Awsat that officials from both sides would meet in

Spain in February to discuss the impact of the merger on future relations.

The European market merger in 1992 will increase economic growth rates, which will in turn boost its demand for oil and petroleum products, including GCC exports," the paper quoted Al Quweiz as saying.

The official warned that limiting access to GCC exports might make the market an "impenetrable fortress against others."

The GCC, a loose political and economic alliance comprising Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, want to narrow a trade deficit that last year reached \$4.4 billion in favour of the EEC.

The GCC is one of the largest markets for EEC products, taking 16 per cent of the community's exports in 1987, but Gulf officials have repeatedly complained that 12-14 per cent tariffs and quotas have virtually blocked cheaply-produced Gulf petrochemicals.

Quweiz urged GCC members to unify customs duties and let national banks open branches in all member-states — measures that are barring full implementation of a unified economic agreement signed in 1982.

Boeing strike could widen US trade deficit

SEATTLE, Washington, Oct 7. (AP): If the machinists' union strike against Boeing Co. drags on, one consequence could be a deeper US trade deficit, analysts predict.

Boeing, which has 65 per cent of the non-communist world's commercial jetliner market, is the nation's third-largest exporter. If the machinists strike that began Wednesday morning slows aircraft delivery, the delayed sales would start showing up in trade figures.

"They do something like a billion dollars a month

in exports," said Gene Kingbury, an aerospace analyst at the US Department of Commerce. "A slowdown in shipments is going to affect trade."

Of the \$12 billion worth of aircraft Boeing delivered in the first nine months of this year, \$8.4 billion in planes went overseas, said Tom Cole, a Boeing Commercial Airplanes spokesman.

If those planes had not been shipped, the US merchandise trade deficit for the same period would have been close to \$92 billion instead of the \$80 billion economists are forecasting.

"They do something like a billion dollars a month

Oil reserves in Opec countries surged last year

By Sonny Abraham
Arab Times Staff

OIL reserves in Opec countries rose to 589.9 billion barrels by the end of 1988, an increase of 87 billion barrels over 1987.

During the same period, gas reserves of these countries went up to 24.3 trillion cubic metres (cu.m.) from about 21.4 trillion cu.m. in 1987.

According to an Opec report, proven oil reserves worldwide stood at \$90.8 billion barrels, an increase of 103 billion barrels over 1987, while natural gas reserves totalled 113.2 trillion cu.m., 5.3 per cent more than in 1987.

The only change in the reserves of the remaining member countries was equivalent to their annual production.

Trade balance to get a boost

GCC keen to maintain good economic ties with EEC

KUWAIT, Oct 7, (Kuna): Kuwait's Commerce and Industry Minister Faisal Abdul Razzaq Al Khalid has affirmed that the establishment of the unified European Economic Community in 1992 will help bolster economic and trade relations between the Gulf states and Western Europe.

While pointing out the special significance Kuwait and the rest of the GCC attach to the EEC in the fields of trade and investment Al Khalid stressed that the GCC is keen to maintain good economic ties with the European Economic Community no matter what the future has in store.

In an interview with a local daily, published here today, the Kuwaiti minister said that a strategy is being worked out by the GCC to organise relations with the 1992 unified European Economic Community.

On the future of Kuwaiti non-oil exports during the 1990s, Al Khalid said that while exports in general recorded high figures in the past year, this particular type had witnessed a remarkable slump.

He noted, however, that non-

oil exports, such as foodstuffs and chemical fertilisers, had managed a slight increase in 1988 of 3.6 per cent over 1987. He expected the trade balance to receive a great boost in the next decade.

On the re-export trade and Kuwait's future as a specialist in this field, Al Khalid affirmed that the Gulf war had temporarily diminished Kuwait's potential in this regard, but said that this type of trade is regaining its importance gradually.

The minister also expected a rise in the number of shareholding companies and stressed that "there is nothing that prevents the establishment of new shareholding companies as long as there is room enough for their activities."

Evaluating domestic industry during the 1980s, he said that this decade presented many challenges for the Kuwaiti industry, mainly the drop in demand and the difficulty of marketing, but said that things have been looking up since the end of the Iraq-Iran war and the area is in for a "real economic boom."

The minister affirmed that

despite the small domestic market and shortage in labour and raw materials, except for oil, the Kuwaiti industry has made great strides in recent years, noting that the future looks even brighter due to the vast support given to this important sector of the economy.

On ways to attract capital to industrial investment, he stressed that Kuwait possesses most elements capable of drawing local as well as foreign investments, but noted that some of the legislations in this field have to be amended to accommodate future changes.

The minister talked of a short-term programme aimed at furnishing industrial areas with services and public facilities and also planning new areas. There is also a long-term plan to establish a public authority for industrial areas to provide better services for industrialists and investors.

On establishing a free-zone in Kuwait, Al Khalid said additional privileges granted to investors together with qualified cadres in the fields of finance, industry and free trade qualify Kuwait to be a free zone.



Al Khalid

Japan vows
Plans to improve quality of ODA aid

TOKYO, Oct 7, (AP): Responding to criticism that Japanese foreign aid is ineffective, Tokyo will improve the quality of its assistance to developing countries, a Foreign Ministry official said yesterday.

Japan became the world's largest donor of foreign aid in 1988, surpassing the United States, with its actual disbursement reaching \$9.13 billion in that year, according to the Foreign Ministry.

However, critics say billions of dollars are being wasted because of a lack of co-ordinations and expertise. Criticism also comes from groups who say Japanese Overseas Development Assistance, or ODA, has contributed to environmental destruction.

"We need to improve the efficiency of ODA," said Takanori Kitamura, director of the Foreign Ministry's Economic Co-operation Bureau. "We like to see we can assist more aid, but there are also three or four areas which need improvement."

The government's ODA report, released by the Ministry yesterday, spells out the country's foreign aid policy in coming years and calls for improving the quality of Japan's development assistance.

It urged that Japan improve the terms offered to aid recipients, pointing out that it ranks 18th among industrialised countries in the proportion of aid given as grants. In 1987, 75.4 per cent of Japan's aid was in grant form, compared to 97.2 per cent for the United States and 98.9 per cent for Britain, according to the report.

The paper also said Tokyo's ODA programmes are not well-planned and lack analysis and information about the recipients' needs.

Currency rates

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.29695	0.29810
Sterling	0.47690	0.47934
Dm.	0.157157	0.157933
S. fr.	0.180736	0.181657
F. fr.	0.046326	0.046559
Ir. lira	0.002140	0.002170
Jap. yen	0.002084	0.002096
Bh. dinar	0.787456	0.791030
UAE dh.	0.079133	0.079503
S. riyal	0.081534	0.081940
O. riyal	0.770998	0.774688

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-1/4	8-3/16
3 months	8-5/16	8-3/16
6 months	8-5/16	8-3/16
1 year	8-5/16	8-3/16

EXCHANGE RATES:		
Indian rupee.....	17.840	
Sri Lankan rupee.....	7.550	
Pakistani rupee.....	14.250	
Bangladesh taka.....	9.150	
US dollar.....	29.800	
Pound sterling.....	48.025	
Deutsche mark.....	158.20	
UAE dirham.....	08110	
Japanese yen.....	0.02105	

EEC cautious on airline deregulation

US model rejected

LAGOS, Oct 7, (Opec): The Belgian Ambassador to Nigeria, Michel Caz Twertynski, said here this week that Nigeria had vast economic and human resources to lift it into the "club" of developed nations but that it was up to the Nigerians themselves to utilise these resources for their collective good.

He said this is a lecture delivered at Warri — about 716 km of here — organised by the State Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture.

The envoy called on the country's businessmen to invest in industries, which had long-term profit possibilities, adding that it had been observed that Nigerians preferred to invest in trade when they could make a quick profit.

Twertynski said his government was prepared to assist Nigeria in developing its agricultural sector but that greater and faster growth in the country's economy could readily be achieved if local businessmen entered into joint partnership in industrial investments with their counterparts in an atmosphere characterized by stable economic

policies and trade regulations.

He observed that one of the problems facing the Nigerian economy was the inconsistency of the country's trade laws and economic policies that were often tied to changes in government.

He said instability in the legal framework of economic and industrial policies and laws tended to discourage international investment in Nigeria.

He noted that the laws regarding expatriate quotas had still not been clearly spelt out, while excessive bureaucracy had slowed down commercial activities. He added that it was better for the country to remove all forms of bureaucracy from its international and domestic trade transactions.

The envoy said while European countries had turbulent and frequent changes in political and government leadership, their economies had continued to grow rapidly in view of consistent economic policies and stable laws governing trade transactions.

Delebarre, who chaired the talks, said ministers welcomed EEC proposals for safeguards against "predatory" pricing — setting low fares designed to push competitors out of the market.

But they wanted to see additional proposals to prevent airlines from undercutting competitors by skimping on safety or staff welfare.

Transport Commissioner Karel Van Miert, who proposes EEC legislation, said plans for common standards on safety and staff would be ready in November.

The 12-nation bloc is committed to approving more liberalisation by July 1990, building on limited reforms adopted two years ago, but it is not clear how far it will go.

Total deregulation in the United States a decade ago sparked fare-cutting wars and big mergers, killing off

LONDON, Oct 7, (Reuter): Coffee prices tumbled to 14-year lows yesterday after producer and consumer countries failed to agree on how they should proceed in efforts to revive a collapsed price support system for the commodity.

The 74-nation International Coffee Organisation, whose pact setting world-wide coffee prices disintegrated in early July, was unable after two weeks of talks in London to set a date for negotiations on a new accord.

Robust blend futures dropped to their lowest since 1975 in London trading. They were quoted at £665 (\$1,070) a tonne, down £22 (\$35.40) from Thursday.

The ICO's failure is leading to coffee producers fighting harder for market share, traders and analysts say.

Manufacturers reported a loss of 103,000 jobs, including 33,000 at auto plants. Payrolls either declined or were flat within all manufacturing industries except food processing.

Washington, Oct 7, (AP): Shrinking payrolls at auto plants and other factories helped push the US jobless rate of 5.3 per cent in September, the government said yesterday in a report showing unexpected softness in the economy.

The civilian unemployment rate was up from 5.2 per cent in both July and August, the Labour Department said in a five-page report it will release later this month.

Non-farm employers told the government they added a seasonally adjusted 209,000 jobs in September, more than double a revised 85,000 in August. But, nearly all of the growth can be attributed to two special factors: rehiring returning to their classrooms and 75,000 telephone workers ending a strike, analysts said.

"This report is the first in quite a while that suggests the economy could be heading for a tailspin," said economist Allen Sinai of the Boston Co. financial firm. "Another report like this one would begin to cause a good deal of worry."

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Fed has more leeway to lower rates

American jobless rate up

"The most disturbing feature of September's business survey data was the large decline in manufacturing employment," Commissioner of Labour Statistics Janet L. Nwoad told Congress Joint Economic Committee. "Real growth in overall factory employment ended last March, since then, we have lost 135,000 factory jobs."

"Unemployment in Michigan, home of many auto plants, leap from 6.9 per cent in August to 8.1 per cent last month, the highest among 11 large industrial states surveyed."

Reacting to the data, the stock market rallied in early trading. Brokers took sluggish job growth as a sign that the Federal Reserve Board — the central bank — has more leeway to lower interest rates.

Early last year, the Fed embarked on a year-long programme of raising interest rates to slow the economy and cool inflationary pressures.

Then, after signs of economic sluggishness emerged this spring, particularly in interest-rate-sensitive sectors such as construction and auto manufacturing, the Central Bank nudged rates down abit, hoping to keep the nation from toppling into a recession.

Shipping movements

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 7/10/89		
E.No.	Ship Name	Agent
6	Canbury Star	AI Bader
8	Sham	ISA
9	Polaris	AI Rashed
14	Ardvika	AI Rashed
ETA	Ship Name	Agent
7/10	Tropical Moon	ISA
7/10	Sea Star	ISA
7/10	Sam Venus	SMS
7/10	City of El Mina	AI Bader
15	Caribstar	AI Bader
VES AT ANCHORAGE	Ship Name	Agent
02	Sea Monarch	Arabian Seas
06	Captain Alejandro	AI Bader
09	Aegan Dolphin	AI Bader
12	City of El Mina	AI Bader
15	BB Hassan	AI Bader
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT	Ship Name	Agent
02	Ivan Persever	AI Bader
06	RSM'S	AI Bader
09	Sea Jade	UASC
6/10	Al Mirqab	UASC
8/10	Marion	AI Kamal
8/10	Practiceld	AI Kamal
23/10	Dore Armour	AI Bader
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Trade balance to get a boost

Fed likely to ease funds rate slightly

NBK weekly market review

THE dollar market remained on the sideways for most of the week, fearful of central bank intervention and in anticipation of the upward adjustment in interest rates in Europe. In the event once these had taken place the dollar began to resume its bull trend. However this was capped by the release of the employment numbers late yesterday which provided overall evidence of moderating activity and reinforced the possibility of the Federal Reserve easing policy.

During the earlier part of the week sterling continued to suffer severely from the atrocious trade numbers released the week before. In tandem expectations of higher interest rates in Germany added to nervousness. The Bundesbank's decision on Thursday to raise its official rates by 1 percent to 10.5 and 11 per cent respectively sparked rises right and left across Europe. The anticipated rise reflected the Bundesbank's concern on the need to control the economy's current buoyancy with price increases, fuel costs and wage costs pressures presently in the pipeline.

The dollar ended the week slightly higher.

The expected easing in Federal Reserve policy will hold the market in quiet trading. On balance however we would still expect the dollar to move slightly ahead now that the massive central bank intervention and the European adjustment in rates have been digested. Indicators to the latter part of this coming week (notably the PPI and retail sales) will be keenly awaited and are expected to evidence moderating activity with inflation under control.

However market sentiment that this could lead to a discount rate cut remains in our view for the time being, premature, and we would still only expect the Federal Reserve to ease its Fed funds rate slightly.

Trading ranges for the coming week reflect a slightly firmer dollar

adjustment. Whether the current level of interest rates will be sufficient to support sterling remains to be seen given the background of deteriorating economic fundamentals. All markets will remain on tenterhooks for the foreseeable future.

Trading ranges for the coming

'Crack' in the drug war

'I like it'

NEW YORK, Oct 7. (Reuter): As lawmakers, police and citizens across the United States struggle with a drugs plague, Curtis Graves sits on a park bench, quietly smoking crack cocaine in a glass pipe.

"It's euphoric. It brings me up. It is the ultimate," Graves says, inhaling deeply from his small pipe as he sits just a few blocks away from the bright lights of Broadway.

Graves, 34, had just purchased a tiny vial of crack, a smokable — and highly addictive — form of cocaine, from his dealer in Hell's Kitchen, an area of central New York City near the Hudson river.

"It is one of the worst areas in Manhattan for drug dealing," said Ed Kleifgen, a spokesman for a local community board. "Anybody can walk down the street and see crack being smoked openly. It's just horrendous."

Dealers

Community groups have tried to take back their parks from the dealers, organising sports and cultural activities in them. But the crack trade goes on.

Graves walks casually through Hell's Kitchen park, looking for his dealer. The dealer, seeing him approach, is already digging into his pocket. He produces a tiny vial and puts it into Graves' hand, taking a \$5 bill from his customer in the same movement.

Graves agreed to be interviewed — but he had to smoke his crack first.

Crack has become the scourge of cities across the United States, creating thousands of addicts in the few years since it hit the streets.

Cheaper

It is substantially cheaper than powder cocaine — because it's cut, or diluted, by other substances — and medical experts say it is intensely addictive even after one use.

"The first time I tried it, I went home and sold my tape deck to get money," said Graves. In those days he had possessions and an apartment, which he later lost in a fire.

"It's an addiction," he said. "I was one who said 'you don't need it, smoke (marijuana) will do the same thing. But when I tried it, it was a different story."

However, the intense euphoria, or 'rush,' lasts only a few minutes and coming down can throw the user into a frenzy.

"Slowly it wears off and then it turns on you," said Graves. "The feeling could be (that) you get mad, depressed or suicidal."

"The user craves more crack immediately. You have to have a lot to be satisfied," said Graves.

Cheque

However, Graves said, if the user combines crack with other drugs, the physical and psychological effects of coming down from crack are mitigated.

"I drink beer and smoke a little (marijuana)," he said. "Drinking and smoking stabilises it. I feel more able to control it."

Graves, who lives at a nearby shelter for homeless men, said he receives a monthly medical disability cheque for schizophrenia.

"Crack is good for my condition," he said. "It reduces the electricity around my brain."

Where his money runs out, he scavenges for things to sell or begs.

"I don't steal for my drug," he said, adding that he also wouldn't deal in drugs because he is afraid of going to prison.

Cathy has been 'doing' (using) crack for two years, along with heroin. She said she needs a few hundred dollars each day to support her habit.

Intense rush

"It's like a rush — an intense rush. Maybe five or ten minutes later, you want more. I like it," said Cathy, who looks at least ten years older than her 27 years.

Experts support

Aspirin does halt 1st attack

WASHINGTON, Oct 7. (Reuter): A US Food and Drug Administration advisory committee yesterday backed the use of an aspirin tablet every other day for the prevention of first heart attacks.

However, panel members asked the government agency to advise physicians that aspirin should for this use only to patients known to be at risk of a heart attack.

They said this group would primarily consist of males over 50 with risk factors such as high blood pressure, smoking and high cholesterol levels.

A study in which aspirin was given to 2000 doctors concluded in January 1988 that 325 milligrams of aspirin every other day would reduce the risk of first heart attacks by more than 40 per cent.

But after the report was publicised the FDA asked aspirin makers to voluntarily refrain from publicising the new finding until the study could be reviewed by the agency and its cardiovascular drugs advisory committee.



Bette Davis: cancer victim

Movie legend Bette Davis dies

Highly professional, innovative, brilliant ... haughty

BETTE DAVIS, the two-time Oscar winner whose toughness, huge eyes and haughty, cigarette-smoking style made her a movie industry legend, has died of cancer at age 81, her longtime lawyer said yesterday.

Miss Davis died Friday night in a Paris hospital after returning there from the San Sebastian Film Festival in Spain, said her lawyer Harold Schiff.

Miss Davis — who appeared in more than 80 films, including "Jezebel," "All About Eve" and "Of Human Bondage" — underwent a mastectomy five years ago. But the cancer recurred, Schiff said.

"The doctors had told us, the cancer had spread, that it was terminal," he said. "The doctors had said let her go on going about her business."

In Paris, France Info Radio reported that Miss Davis died in the American hospital in Paris. A spokesman at the hospital declined to confirm the report but said a statement would be issued later.

"What a loss," said actress Olivia de Havilland, a Paris resident, who worked with Miss Davis in four films, including the 1964 "Hush, Hush Sweet Charlotte."

"She was a remarkable person to work with, highly professional, innovative, brilliant and quick," said Miss De Havilland, 73. "I thought she had some marvelous personal qualities and I was very fond of her."

Vincent Price, who worked with Miss Davis on "The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" in 1939 and "Whales of August" in 1987, mourned her as a film genius.

"There are very few people left who really sum up the motion picture industry, who had that star quality. It was really rare," Price said in Los Angeles. "She had extraordinary energy; she was a genius."

Miss Davis was nominated for academy awards 10 times and won two best actress Oscars, for "Dangerous" in 1935 and "Jezebel" in 1938. She won an Emmy in 1979 for the television production "Strangers" — the story of a mother and daughter.

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"Half and half," she said, drawing a laugh.

She was frail enough by then that she had to spend most of her time resting in her hotel room. But she put a brave face on it, telling reporters she stayed hidden away to "take care of all the details, including makeup, to appear beautiful before you all."

Her success story was one of Hollywood's most unlikely tales. Lacking the looks of a traditional Hollywood glamour girl, the skinny youngster with the huge eyes relied on her acting skill and took roles nobody else wanted, playing nasty women more often than nice ones.

"My entire career was never based on looks or glamour or sex," she once said. "It was an absolute miracle that people came to watch me act."

Impressionists copied her mannerisms, and a song, "Bette Davis Eyes," was a rock hit in 1982. The line most identified with her was "what a dump" from "Beyond the forest."

She sought happiness in marriage, but after four husbands declared that she had failed and would never marry again. When she wrote her autobiography, she titled it "The Lonely Life."

"Do you know what my biggest regret is?" she said in March 1983. "I never found the right man to live my life with."

She was born Ruth Elizabeth Davis on April 5, 1908 in Lowell, Massachusetts, the elder of two daughters of Harlow and Ruth Favvor Davis.

A friend of her mother's felt two Ruths in the family were too many. She suggested the young Miss Davis be called Bette, after a character in the Balzac novel "La Cousine Bette."

During her first Broadway hit, "Broken Dishes," Miss Davis was given a screen test by movie mogul Samuel Goldwyn. Unimpressed, he scolded a talent scout for wasting his time.

However, her stage reviews caught the attention of Universal Pictures, which offered a three-month contract and brought her to California in 1930.

Her film debut came the next year in "Bad Sister." In 1932, Warner Brothers gave her a co-starring role as an ingenue in "The Man Who Played God."

It was the beginning of her 18-year association with Warner, a sometimes stormy period in which Miss Davis was known for her quarrels with studio chief Jack Warner. Yet when Warner was asked in later years to define the term "movie star," he said simply, "Bette Davis."

In 1934 came the role that would establish her reputation — the sullen heroine mildred in "Of Human Bondage." It was the first film with an unsympathetic heroine. Miss Davis recalled, and she reveled in the image.

Her bit movies included "The Sisters," "Dark Victory," "Juarez," "The Letter," "Waterloo Bridge," "The Petrified Forest," "All This and Heaven Too," "The Little Foxes," "Now, Voyager" and "Mrs. Skeffington."

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As she aged, she turned to character roles, beginning with Apple Annie in "Peculiarities of Miracles."

Her 1962 starring role with Joan Crawford in "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane" was seen as a comeback for both stars. She had another comeback in the 1985 made-for-TV movie "Murder with Mirrors."

Miss Davis' life had its unhappy aspects. She suffered a stroke in 1983 and a short time later was the subject of an unflattering book, "My Mother's Keeper," by

her only natural child, her daughter B.D.

Davis glossed over any shortcomings as a mother in her own book, "This 'N' That," published in 1987.

After her stroke, Davis struggled to regain her speech but the trauma had taken its toll and it showed her public appearances, including the Oscar presentation ceremonies in Hollywood on March 30, 1987. Davis, called on to present the best-actor Oscar to the absent Paul Newman, angrily charged after the show that her part in the show was sabotaged by inept producers.

Unlike many of her glamorous contemporaries, Davis seldom was absent from the screen for long.

Davis was a boon to theatrical impersonators, who had merely to trace nervous circles with a cigarette and blur an annoyed "petah, petah" to draw instant recognition from any audience.

"I adore pictures," she said another time. "I was born in the theatre but I grew up in motion pictures. And I hope I will end up in motion pictures."

In the late 1970s and early 1980s the actress organised a one-woman show, appearing in various cities and at universities and colleges with an hour's collection of her film clips followed by a question-and-answer session.

Of switching from movies to the small screen, the actress said, "a film is a film. Some of the things I've done for TV the studios would be afraid to touch. Television has recently given me some of my finest roles."

In her last years Davis moved between her Westport, Conn., home and an apartment in Hollywood, a few blocks from the one she first rented in 1934.

Davis maintained the tradition of an earlier Hollywood era. "Other actresses walk on the set," an admiring columnist wrote. "Bette Davis sweeps into view like a queen."

Davis's first marriage, in 1932 to a childhood sweetheart, musician Harmon O. Nelson Jr., ended in 1938. In 1940 she wed another childhood friend, airline pilot Arthur Farnsworth. He died in 1943 of injuries received in a fall in Hollywood.

She then married artist-strongman William Grant Sherry in Mexico. They divorced in 1950 and 24 days later Davis took as her fourth husband actor Gary Merrill, who had played her husband in "All About Eve." That marriage ended in 1960. Davis's daughter, Barbara, was by Sherry.

She was president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in 1940 and in 1942 was a founder, with John Garfield, of the Hollywood Canteen, a popular serviceman's rendezvous during World War II.

In an interview in October 1987, Davis lamented the passing of the film greats and, with them, the definition of "star."

"The word 'star' has lost its meaning," Davis said. "They have such things as 'TV star,' 'guest star,' and 'special star.' Everyone wants to be called a star and I suppose just about everyone is called that."

"It took us 10 years of learning our profession in the theatre or in small roles in movies — sometimes both — to earn that title. A lot of us began before the talkies."

Walking around in 'Alpha.' They don't know what's going on."

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The device resembles a pair of sunglasses with headphones and flashing lights attached. The pattern of the lights, it is claimed, synchronises the brain waves and allow a listener to easily assimilate material played on the headphones.

This is known as an "Alpha State," said Michael Porter, who was selling a competing 350-dollar model called the "MC2." It brings strong changes within 15 minutes, he said, and recommended against using such a potent device in conjunction with rock 'n' roll.

"Look at teen-agers," he said. "They're already

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Scholar kills herself: A former college teacher shot herself to death with her husband's gun after leaving a suicide note in their room in Sta. Mesa, Manila.

Trinidad Lozano, 43, of 3265-B San Jose St., Sta. Mesa, died of a gunshot wound in the chest. Her husband Justiniiano's .38 revolver was found near her body.

Lozano's suicide note said, "To my co-creatures: Patawarin ninyo ako — sa hiya ko hindi ko na kayang isipin sa awa ko sa anak at asawa ko that I'm no longer an asset. Thank you very much and forgive me God and my co-creatures."

Lozano, her neighbors said, was teaching at a college in Batac, Ilocos Sur when she was dismissed because she was found to be mentally ill.

She went to RLK compound at 4655 Valenzuela St in Sta. Mesa with her six-year-old son Boy and went straight to the guardhouse where her husband was.

Justiniiano was playing with his son when they heard shot. They rushed to the guardhouse and found the door locked.

It took them three minutes to get a duplicate key. After the door was opened they found Lozano dead. ***

Search for psycho: Mayor Brígido Simon Jr ordered the police to intensify the hunt for psycho killer who had already taken five lives in the past several months.

Object of the manhunt is a murder convict identified as Reynaldo Patamoto. He escaped from the Camp Crame detention cell in 1982 shortly after a military court sentenced him to death for raping and killing his first victim, 11-year-old Mary Mastidte.

Patamoto's latest victim was Beatriz Almonte who was found in a vacant lot on St. Joseph and St. Martin streets in Rosalia Village, Quezon City.

Quezon City police chief Col. Rodolfo Garcia formed a special police team to track down Patamoto.

Smugglers caught: Coast Guard authorities filed smuggling charges against nine crew members of a fishing boat loaded with P1.5 million worth of garlic intercepted in Navotas.

Accused before the Navotas Prosecutor's Office were boat skipper Francisco Castro, Tomas Velasco, Francisco Castro, Sotero Noleto, Gilbert Sibulan, Raul Fulgencio, Roberto Cen, Francisco de Cuena, and Rojolo Torsillas.

Manila Coast Guard station chief Romualdo Velasco said the accused were arrested aboard F/B Victory.

An informant tipped the Coast Guard that tons of illegally imported garlic from Taiwan would be smuggled into the country through the port Navotas.

Velasco said the fishing boat, owned by one Naviera Cruz del Sur, was chartered by Victory Fishing Ventures Corp.

Warm welcome for trader: A Swiss trader who arrived from Germany was robbed of P10 million equivalent in deutschesmark in his hotel room in Pasay City.

Hans Gugolc, 42, of Room 310 of the Hyatt Hotel told police he discovered the robbery only the next morning.

Gugolc told officer-on-call Pfc. Cesar Mansala that he arrived from Germany and left his room at about the same day to visit a friend in Makati. Before he left he made sure the windows and door of his room were locked.

When he returned Gugolc claimed his 970,000 deutschesmark was missing. The leather suitcase where he kept the money had been forced open, Gugolc told police.

Aside from the money, his Lasica camera, plane ticket and customs documents were missing, Gugolc said.

Councilman killed: A BARANGAY councilman was shot dead by four men in front of his house in Kalookan City.

Romulo Lacaba, 42, of Area D, Camarin 2, Kalookan, died from a bullet wound in the head.

The suspects walked away casually after the killing, police investigator Pfc. Arsenio Nacis said.

Nacis said Lacaba was sitting on a bench when four men in their early 20s came and greeted him at 6:30 am.

Lacaba's father, Adriano, 74, told police that one of the men shot his son once in the head.

He said the suspects were armed with .45s and .38s.

Lacaba said his son had been receiving death threats but he (the father) did not know why.

Official threatened: The Alex Boncaya Brigade (ABB) sent death threats to a Quezon City building official and a barangay captain for alleged sins against the masses.

Quezon City building official Domingo Tapay received the death threat in a typewritten note sent by mail by a certain Ka Hector.

Tapay said the threat could have been prompted by the plan by his office to demolish some 200 squatter families in Barangay Katipunan.

The ABB also threatened Barangay Captain Antonio Quinto.

The note said Tapay and Quinto were violating the rights of the masses.

"Kaya karmatay ang batol sa inyo ng hukuman ng National Democratic Front-Communist Party of the Philippines-ABB," said the letter signed by "Ka Hector."

Soldier killed: Four men shot dead a Capital Regional Command (Capcom) soldier in Barrangay Baesa, Novaliches, Quezon City.

Sgt. Fidel Santos, 39, assigned with the North Sector Command, had sustained three gunshot wounds in the head and died on the spot.

He was walking along Hornat Road near the Quirino highway when two men accosted him, police said.

Witnesses said one of the men told Santos, "Sobra ka na" before they shot him.

Witnesses said two men stood nearby while the shooting was being carried out.

The suspects escaped toward an alley leading to a crowded neighbourhood, said homicide investigator Cpl. Rodrigo Fortaleza.

The suspects were about 25 to 30 years old, two were about 5-foot-2, the other two about 5-foot-3 and all were wearing white shirts and denim pants, Fortaleza said.

Woman hog dealer charged: A WOMAN hog dealer was tricked by a man into receiving P2,500 in fake P100 bills as payment for a pig he bought from her in Tondo, Manila.

Maria Selba, 64, of 917 Tansib St., Tondo said she only came to know that the money the buyer paid her was fake when she paid a sari-sari store owner with one of the bills.

Selba said she could not accurately describe the buyer because she was in a hurry to sell the pig.

Police said the bills looked genuine except for the picture of President Manual Roxas which was lighter than the authentic kind.

The sari-sari store owner who noticed the fake P100 bill is charging Selba with possession of counterfeit currency.

Chabbed by houseboy: A contractor's wife was killed and her maid was seriously wounded when her houseboy beat them up with an iron pipe and robbed them of cash and jewellery in Barangay Mabolo, Malolos, Bulacan.

Police identified the fatality as Manalaysay and the wounded as Ruth Ganzon, 60.

Investigators said Manalaysay and Ganzon were watching television when Romeo Valle, 21, entered their room and attacked them with an iron pipe.

Manalaysay died three hours later at the hospital from head and body injuries.

Valle was arrested at Barangay Sampol, Sapang Palay, San Jose del Monte, Bulacan while waiting for a bus to Manila.

Malolos Police chief Capt. Roberto Morelos said they recovered two gold rings, P.100 in cash.

Valle had been a houseboy of Manalaysay for six years, relatives of the victim said.

Earlier that day, a farmer-driver was stabbed dead and his parents were wounded by a neighbour in front of their house in Barangay Mandurri, San Miguel also in Bulacan.

Ramiro Quintero, 22, died from a wound in the left chest.

His parents, Julio and Florecina, both 53, were stabbed in the right shoulder.

Investigators said one Virgilio Palomo, 31, a farmer, went to the Quintero's house, looked for Ramiro and stabbed the farmer-driver dead and attacked his parents.

The suspect escaped.

Meanwhile, four Bulacan residents have been arrested for manufacturing pyrotechnics in Barangay Malibong-Bata, Pandi.

They are Domingo Magor, 37, Rogelio Simplicio, 26; Oscar Cabralero, 36, and Estelita Galera, 31, all of Barangay Buntol, Bocaue.

Confiscated from them were five sacks of bawang, 2,000 pieces of smaller firecrackers and kwitis, and chemicals used in making pyrotechnics.

After initial jolt, trade is unruffled

SHARE prices retreated in early trading on a wave of panic-selling following the death of former President Marcos but recovered towards closing on buying support from institutional investors.

As a result, price declines were minimal — less than one per cent at the Manila stock exchange and about 1.2 per cent in Makati.

Businessmen and stockbrokers said Marcos' death would not trigger violence that could damage the Philippine economy and any nervousness it may initially cause will eventually ease.

However, business leaders said they would wait and see what happens in the next few days before making crucial business decisions.

Market analysts said the market is expected to continue its bullish trend

next week unless adverse developments occur during the weekend.

Aurelio Periquet Jr., president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry and a strong supporter of the Aquino administration, said that based on a telephone survey he conducted among PCCI members, Marcos' death will have no impact on industries.

"It appears that the death of Marcos will have no impact on the economy because of continuing confidence on President Aquino, the democratic processes in place, economy is moving forward and the relative stability in the country."

Victor Lim, a former PCCI president, also said that the death will have no effect on business.

But he conceded that a major problem

will be handling Imelda Marcos' plan to return to Manila.

An official of a European trade office said he did not expect a slowdown in foreign investments. He quickly added however that violent pro-Marcos protests could temporarily change the scenario.

Turnover at the Manila and Makati stock exchanges were boosted by several block sales the biggest of which was the transaction on 8.2 million Benguet Consolidated shares recently bought by RCBC from the Asset Privatization Trust.

Manila transacted two million Benguet shares at P47.50 for a total of P95 million; while in Makati, some six million Benguet shares changed hands totalling P285 million.

In Makati, Para Securities also transacted a block of 4.5 million PCI Bank and shares at P50 per share for a total of P225 million.

Businessmen and stockbrokers said local investors did not expect Marcos' to spark a fresh right-wing challenge to Aquino, who has survived five coup attempts since taking power in 1986.

Political analysts said Marcos' supporters might stage protests against Aquino's refusal to allow his body to be buried in the Philippines. But the protests were not expected to develop into a violent revolt.

There was some nervous selling in the stock exchanges at the start of Friday's trade but prices later stabilized. "The market showed a bit of nervousness but this is corrected later. In fact some issues

closed stronger compared to yesterday," said Jerry Urbina, president of the Manila exchange.

Brokers said Marcos' death did not come as a shock because he had been seriously ill for months.

"The guy had been strapped in bed for several months. The market had discounted his death," said Ramon Gonzales, vice-president of Anscor-Hagedorn Securities.

The local stock market was sophisticated enough to cope with any tension caused by Marcos' death, said Prudencio Somera, vice-president at Coyuto Securities.

"We have a very good market which has been subjected to a number of adverse elements such as high interest rates and peace and order problems,"

Tutors threaten to strike

Abolition of college entrance tests urged

Expenses are tremendous

SEN. Mamintal Tamano has sought the abolition of all entrance tests being administered by public universities and colleges for those who wish to enrol in college.

Senate Bill 1311 seeks to prohibit schools from conducting a separate written admission examination for prospective enrollees who have already passed the National College Entrance Examination (NCEE) given by the government.

An average of 175,000 high school seniors take the NCEE every year. Tamano said the cumulative expenses and preparation that go into the yearly exercise is "tremendous and staggering."

"Yet one who passes the NCEE test is not automatically assured of a placement in the institution of his choice, nor the NCEE the last admission examination he has to hurdle," Tamano said.

Various educational institutions, however, still require the students who have passed the NCEE as a policy to take another written test in order to qualify for admission.

Tamano, however, believes that the validity of the NCEE as a criterion for admission in college must be upheld.

"What is objectionable is not the test itself but the fact that fees are imposed and collected," Tamano pointed out.

Tamano said schools rake in millions from fees collected from applicants, considering the number of high school graduates every year.

The proposed measure, however, gives schools a free hand to evaluate other credentials of the student to determine his aptitude and fitness provided that no fee in any form shall be imposed or collected from him.

Tamano proposed the imposition of a P50,000 fine on violators of this act.

Meanwhile, Sen. Ernesto Macea asked the Senate to investigate what he considered as an unholy alliance between the education department and the Fund for Assistance to Private Education (FAPE) in the handling of public funds for teachers' development.

In filing Senate Resolution 642, Macea said public and private school teachers have been complaining about the awarding of the contract to FAPE by DECS to manage and administer P250 million in funds intended for their scholarships, retraining and service contracting programmes.

Macea said that FAPE, a business profit-oriented group, has been collecting management fees equivalent to 15 per cent of the funds involved from DECS for its service, part of which allegedly go to some DECS and school officials by way of fat honoraria.

Macea said that among the educational programmes of the government that have been placed into the hands of FAPE were:

- The P50-million budget for scholarships to Private Education Financial Assistance (PESFA) wherein FAPE charges a 15-per cent management fee.

- The education service contracting scheme programme with a P100-million budget allotted by Congress.

- The retraining programme of private Secondary Education Development Programme (SEDP) amounting to P100 million.

Macea said that upon the suggestion of the FAPE, the department is also set to transfer to them the administration of the Faculty Development Component of the Subsidy Law with a budget of P20 million.

"It was never the intention of Congress in appropriating the necessary funds for the programmes and projects to allow DECS to award the implementation, management and administration of the same to a business profit-oriented group like the FAPE," Macea claimed.

"Secretary Quisumbing seems to have no confidence in her more than 400,000 staff to run a simple scholarship programme," he added.

Huggies for sale

HOPELAND Huggable stuffed toys, manufactured by village

cooperatives in depressed areas in Negros Occidental, are now on

the market through selected

Philippines Shell dealers and

service stations, it was revealed

by Millie Kilacyo, president of

In-Hand Negros Inc. and

Pilipinas Shell Foundation Inc. (PSFI), the toys are produced by

some 1,500 members of independent

village cooperatives in depressed areas of sugarlandia.

The project is spearheaded by

Negros Occidental governor

Daniel Lacson, and aims to generate income and employment

for the people of Negros. Kilacyo

said that the project has a production capacity of 20,000 dozens a month. Retail prices of the toys range from P40 to P80 each.

Solon in

View-point

Memoirs of a leader

By Ruffy E. Sanchez

HE was the most brilliant statesman ever, in the history of the Philippine presidency. With his political platform during his campaign, he left that famous quotation, "And this nation will be great again."

True to his words and deeds, this bar topnotcher fulfilled his promise to millions of Filipinos who were hoping then the impoverished nation would stand up and emerge as one the richest and powerful nations among the Third World countries. Those were yesterdays of heroism and idolatry when portraits and their symbols were displayed on every wall of the government institutions. Every Filipino recognised them even the most innocent youth annotated their seal with patriotism and compassion.

Time is changing and there's nothing permanent on this turmoiled earth. The political scenario shifted to another heroine who was inebriated of that huge success paving the way for her ambitions and grandiose whims. She was living in superfluous luxury at the expense of her countless countrymen deprived of their economic rights. Poor Imelda, she still has the wealth and yet her burning desire to bury her husband's remains in her homeland stirrers controversial issues on the present administration. Will there be reconciliation at last and is the much elusive peace to be attained if ever Cory Aquino allows them to return home?

Mixed opinions were surveyed and the majority condemns their larceny, human rights abuses and most of all the staggering debt they left which until now and the coming generation has to pay.

Primarily, it is because of the national security the Aquino government is adamant to decide on the Marcos' problem regarding Philippine soil. It is a crucial decision and only time will tell.

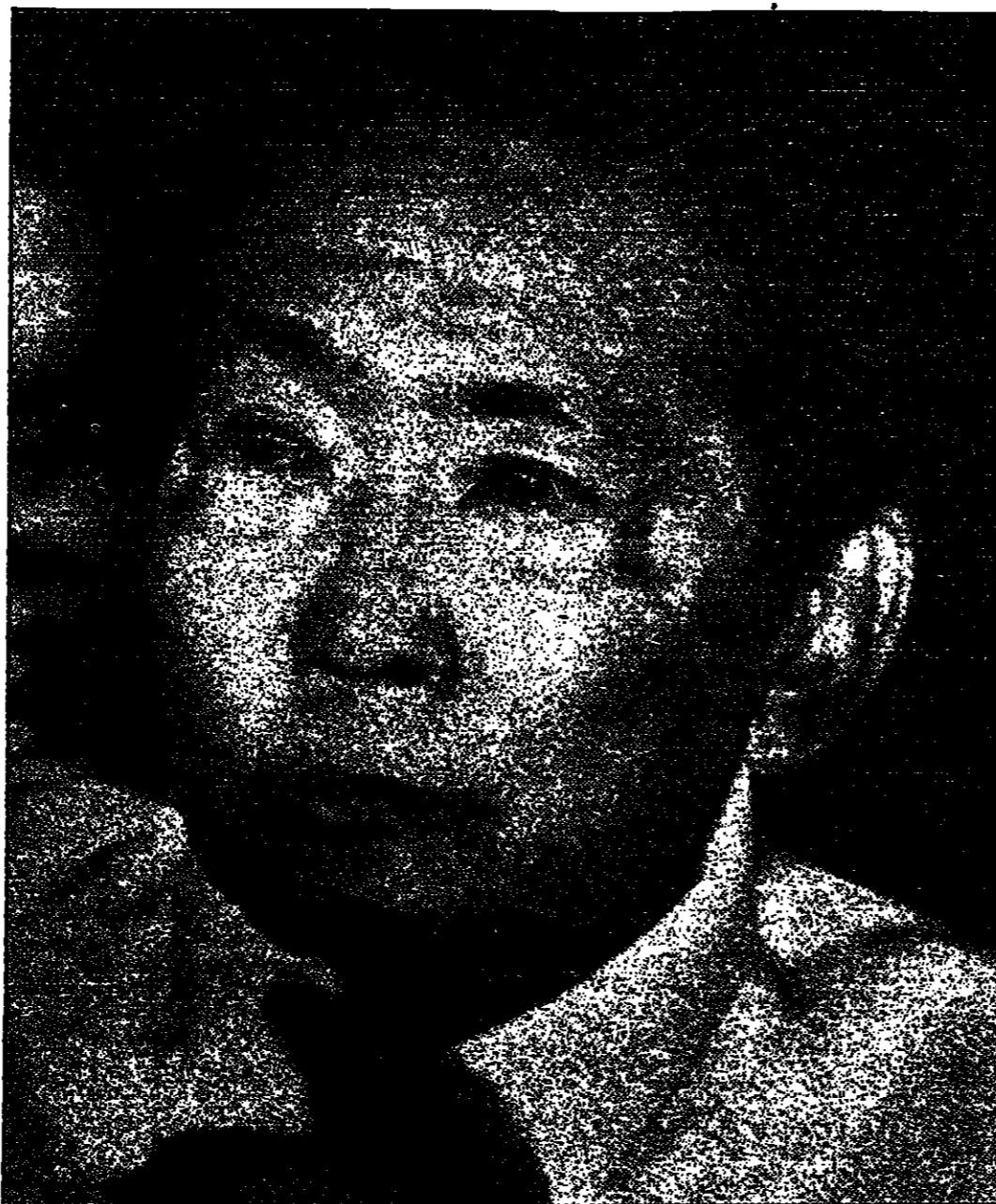
It's a fact that Imelda is the cause of the Marcos' Waterloo. But Marcos, during his reign used his wife as his gambit to plan and fulfill his political desires to be the greatest Philippine president ever. They thought they were the immortal god and goddess of Mt Olympus. And Zeus like a prime ruler punishes those demi-gods who do evil.

The septuagenarian president suffered so much. Even the right to pay his last respects to the corpse of his mother was not granted. Money is not the primordial solution to their problems. Marcos deserves a decent burial in his homeland. If only they surrendered themselves to God, their fate would not be a tragic one.

And so it goes the legendary story becoming a folktale told from mouth to mouth. Their remnants will have a didactic effect on political warlords and dictators who greed for power and wealth.

The once champion of democracy now lies cold and crestfallen and may I inscribe some old lines of my elegy on his tomb:

*Death knows no creed or race
neither wealth nor fame
For man's life is created and shaped
by his communion with God—
the infinite, infallible
supreme ruler of mankind.*



Ferdinand Edralin Marcos (1917-1989).

Love that skin — pick the right face mask

DIFFERENT types of facial masks serve different purposes but any skin — dry, oily, a combination of both or acne-prone — can reap the benefits of a healthy, clear complexion, says skin specialist Lia Schorr in her book "Lia Schorr's Seasonal Skin Care."

Facial masks can be applied once a week or once a month, depending on skin type and skin condition, says Schorr.

The different types of masks are:

- Clay or mud. Applied once a week to oily or acne-prone skin, clay is ripe with a medicinal as well as cosmetic properties. As the mud dries on the skin's surface, the tightening action provides a "suction" action that gently draws impurities from the pores and revs up circulation.

The drying particles absorb collected oils that are removed from the surface when the mud is washed off. Mud is especially beneficial in cases of back acne, which afflicts more men than women.

The mask should be applied to the skin and left on for 10 minutes, then rinsed with warm water.

- Scrub masks and cleansing grains usually contain abrasive particles, drying agents and medications, suspended in a cleanser or soap. They are applied to clean, damp skin to remove dead skin cells and surface debris.

Scrubs can be used three times per week. The regular sloughing action aids in the prevention of whiteheads and blackheads and improves the skin's color and texture.

Massage a small amount into the skin with clean fingertips for about two minutes. Use a circular motion, avoiding the eyes. Rinse with lukewarm water. Apply a moisturizer.

Do not use a scrub on acne-prone skin, because it will over-stimulate oil secretions, and spread bacteria and infection.

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Nourishing masks are used on mature, wrinkled, dry or sensitive skin. A nourishing mask softens and smooths the skin without pulling or tightening, leaving a dewy, refreshed appearance. Made of egg and honey, milk, placenta or algin, they

can be applied to the neck.

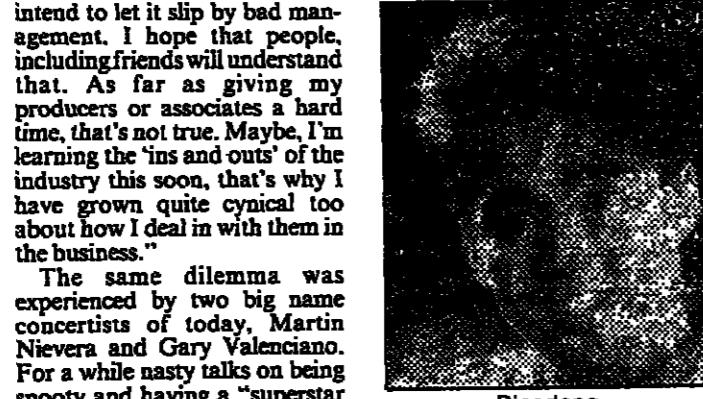
Nourishing masks should be applied in a thick layer to clean skin and left on for 10 to 15 minutes. Remove with clean cotton.

No water is necessary to remove this type of mask.

- Light peeling masks are another form of sloughing that refreshes the complexion by removing the uppermost layer of skin, where dead cells accumulate and cause a dull, gray, patchy look. Used once a week, a light peeling mask can be applied to all but acne-prone skin.

Leave the mask on for 20 minutes. When it sets, it can be peeled away taking the dull top layer of skin with it, or gently rubbed off with the fingertips in a circular motion. Follow with a moisturizer.

Dingdong 'just can't stop' singing



Dingdong

Singing in highschool as part of the Kundiranata of La Salle was something Dingdong did for fun and for love of music. It has made music indispensable to him so that even while studying for a degree in Political Science, he auditioned for the New Minstrels.

"I've always wanted to sing

and now I'm doing it and earning a living. I had a hard time convincing my family that I did the right thing when I left school to concentrate on my career. But now it's paying off. They believe in what I have got to offer as an artist and they have become very supportive to all my endeavours.

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concert, "Full Blast" at Folk Arts Theatre on December, 1987. His guests were Regine Velasquez, Jamie Rivera and Lilet. The almost two-hour concert will feature Dingdong doing his signature hits like "Tatlong Beinte Singko," "Ikaw Lamang," "Maghahintay sa Iyo," "Magapiling Ka Sana," and "Here I Am" plus other current hit songs. There will be no guest except a group of energetic dancers. Arnold Galang, manager of Dingdong informs us that "Just Can't Stop" will showcase a variety of special effects and big production numbers.

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RUMOURS have it that Dingdong Avanzado has grown swollen-headed already and that he gives problems to most of the people he works with in the business. I guess this usually happens when a teenage heart-throb inches his way to popularity sooner than expected.

But knowing Dingdong personally makes me think that the young man is just going through a state of being misunderstood by many people. He doesn't seem to be the same guy most people and friends knew him way back then when he was an upstart and had more time to spend with big things in his career and trying his best to maintain a dash of success in the entertainment business. Dingdong left partying, socializing and idle chatting with friends and associates for a while just to be able to concentrate in a profession he says is very important to him.

"I always take care of my career," he says. "It's very important to me. I consider this a chance of a lifetime and I don't

intend to let it slip by bad management. I hope that people, including friends will understand that. As far as giving my producers or associates a hard time, that's not true. Maybe, I'm learning the 'ins and outs' of the industry this soon, that's why I have grown quite cynical too about how I deal in them with the business."

The same dilemma was experienced by two big name concertists of today, Martin Nievera and Gary Valenciano. For a while nasty talks on being snooty and having a "superstar complex" run through the gossip mills until it died down naturally. So long as Dingdong knows his limitations, I don't think there will be any problems here.

Now back to Dingdong. At 21 years old, he considers "being simple and natural" as his biggest assets. His wholesome good looks and easy candor makes him as today's hottest singer. He's actually everybody's kid brother, every girl's dreamboat and every other guy's buddy.

Jo Anne Lorenzana: 'Stronger than before'

WITH the unforgettable OPM hit, "I'll Never Let You Go," and an enviable stint as official Philippine representative to the recent First Asia Song Festival in Japan among her major career highlights, sultry Jo Anne Lorenzana makes a stronger bid for musical excellence with the release of her debut album under OctoArts International.

The new album, "Stronger than before," showcases the versatile performer in a more sensitive and energetic pose with a new line-up of potential smashes that include Jo Anne's own upbeat masterpiece, "Hoy, Pakibisan."

A stunner in the compilation is the heart-stopping title track authored by Jim Ayson and Rina Caniza. The jazzy track marks what could be Jo Anne's finest performance in the album. Inspirational ballads as "With My Love On Your hands" and "Langi Sa Mundo," her entry to the Asia Songfest, remind any listener of Jo Anne's characteristic delivery of slow tunes while the fast beat cut, "Daydreaming," chooses to cast the OctoArts artist in a foot-stomping mood.

Scheduled to be the lead-off single, "Daydreaming" will be Jo Anne's debut single after signing up with OctoArts three months ago. The album "Stronger than before" is released on LPs and high grade tapes nationwide.

A more energetic and sensitive Jo Anne was be one of the major attractions in today's edition of "The Sharon Cuneta Show," where she was to launch her new album.



Jo Anne Lorenzana

From the provinces

MANILA: A woman supervisor of a sausage bar was killed during a robbery-holdup staged by three men in Sampaloc.

Capt Gene Javier, chief of the homicide section of the Western Police District (WPD), identified the victim as Aurora Gabate, 25, of 46 Purple St., GSIS Village, Marikina, supervisor of the Smokey's sausage bar.

She died on the spot from multiple stab wounds in the chest and body.

Her body was found in the kitchen of the sausage bar kiosk of Smokey's Papa St. outlet.

Police said that the victim was in the kiosk and was preparing for the opening of the store when the three men barged in and held her up. She was alone in the kiosk, police said.

ZAMBOANGA: Zamboanga Rep. Maria Clara L. Lobregat denounced as "hypocritical" the opposition to the revival of jai alai while cockfighting, horse racing, and casino gambling "merrily roll along."

"There is so much hypocrisy here," Lobregat said, referring to the charge that jai alai is immoral, as she battened for the fronton's reopening during the "Viewpoint" television programme hosted by Ricardo V. Puno Jr on Channel 7.

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ANGELES CITY: An all-out campaign against graft and corruption is being waged on the barangay level in Pampanga by the Kaipungan ng Malaya Pilipino (Kampi), a civic organization, it was learned yesterday.

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PCGG: Chairman Mateo Caparas had directed Commissioner David Castro to head the probe. Castro, in a meeting with newsmen yesterday, said he had instructed Col Reymundo Flores, PCGG consultant on intelligence and security, to start the investigation.

Caparas ordered last week the investigation of the entire team which conducted the seizure of 11 vehicles from Fernando Timbol, a former Malacañan employee, last Aug 6, 1986.

A member of the team had testified that 11 cars had been seized from Timbol had taken into custody by the PCGG.

But one of the 11 cars, which belonged to Timbol's sister, had mysteriously changed ownership until it was impounded by the Land Transportation Office (LTO).

Guillermo T. Maglaya, law enforcement chief of LTO, had arrested the driver of a retired general's wife for trying to register the car with the LTO.

Those who are facing the probe are Roy L. Candelaria, team leader of teh PCGG fiscal agents, Mario Obice, Osborn Tobale, Prospero Cegarra, Ely Salonga, Victor Bantique, Oscar Entrata, Capt Rosendo Lualhati, Capt Romeo Salandan, Luisito Cruz, Jerry Salmera, Rex Lopez, Oscar Bughi, Manuel Plaza, and Capt Arturo Avila.

Maglaya has ordered a separate probe on the "mysterious changes" in the ownership of the car in question.

QUEZON CITY: Police探者 looking into the murder of 13-year-old boy and the disappearance of his companion last Saturday have arrested a barangay councilman who was tagged as the group mastermind of a robbery gang in Metro Manila in the past six years.

Verchez and his two brothers have been arrested twice by policemen. They are now facing robbery cases before courts in Quezon City, Caloocan City, and Makati.

Garcia said intelligence men nabbed the five men Thursday afternoon on Katipunan Road, QC.

Police recovered from the five suspects a Toyota Corolla car, one hand grenade, one M-16 armalite rifle, one .45 caliber revolver, and three revolvers.

Among the banks suspected to have been victimized by the gang were the Home Savings Bank in Makati, the Bank of the Philippines Islands, and the Bantawak Loan and Savings Bank in Quezon City.

The gang was previously busted by Col Romeo San Diego, assistant superintendent of the Northern Police District (NPD), and Lt. Fluto Casayuran, QC police assistant homicide chief.

LUCENA CITY: A new scheme to ferret out tax evaders here was launched last week by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) district office No. 39 here headed by lawyer Juan C. Villanueva.

Dubbed as "Operation Sunshine," the scheme calls for the daily verification of the sales receipts and invoices used by value-added tax (VAT) and non-VAT taxpayers by revenue enforcement officers (REO).

Villanueva said that the examiners will counter-sign the receipts and will return at the close of business hour to find how many invoices were issued the whole day.

Does."

Torres is represented by prominent lawyer Rodolfo U. Jimenez.

In his complaint, Torres said that the respondents conspired with one another in obstructing the repair work on the four-story "Yayang" building at the corner of C.M. Recto Ave. and Ilaya St.

Torres said that Suarez and some of his co-respondents had earlier issued the necessary permit for the repair of the building but which was later revoked despite an order of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

The complainant said the tenants of the building, through Dr Buenaventura Cruz, had filed petitions at the Manila Regional Trial Court and the Court of Appeals to stop the repair. Both petitions, however, were dismissed by the courts on the grounds that the permits issued by Suarez were valid and in order.

The NHA general manager has scheduled a monthly meeting with the "spokesman committee" on procedures governing project planning and implementation, additional work or change order documentation and evaluation, processing of payments, project site information, feedback, reporting, and acceptance of finished or completed projects.

CAVITE CITY: A court here

has acquitted a woman trader of estafa on two counts through falsification of commercial documents.

In a 10-page decision written by Executive Judge

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Grand finals approaching

FRESH from the grand success of the last stage of the Kapiku night, the Grand Finals are forthcoming tagged as ALIW '89. See your favourite Filipino singers vie for the title of "Best Filipino Singer in Kuwait." The grand final for the Bagong Kampeon (regular singing contest) and the Sing-Alike contest will be held on Friday, October 27 at Holiday Inn Hotel at 4.30 pm. Another successful project of the Kapisang Pilipino Sa Kuwait (KAPILKU).

The winners in the Bagong Kampeon who will automatically qualify for the grand finals are:

March 1989 winners: Milite Domingo, champion; Leonardo Lapira, second place; Vic San Buenaventura, third place.

April 1989 winners: Benny Perez, champion; Romy Alojado, second place; Kernel Singh, third place.

September 1989 winners: Paul Randrup, champion; Ric Galang, second place; Ramon Monteverde, third place.

The winners in the Sing-Alike contest who also qualify for the grand finals are:

March 1989 winners: Milano Mendez, champion; Kernel Singh, second place; Medel Cruz, third place.

April 1989 winners: Andy Gabriel, champion; Mario Audie Calo, second place; Ric Galang, third place.

September 1989 winners: Rey Lapuebla, champion; Jeffrey Gallardo, second place; Rufely Gaudia, third place.

All winners are requested to contact VP Sarah Macarimbang on telephone number 4843447 or Rod Cereo, on telephone number 2434630. The chairperson of this project is Sarah Macarimbang, supported by the wonderful voice of Kuwait, Rod Cereo.

BBC World Service

Cole Porter among friends

COLE Porter left the world a rich legacy of familiar songs such as Night and Day, Let's Do It, I Get a Kick Out of You and Begin the Beguine. But did you know that his first successes were football songs or that he had a formal musical training under some of Europe's leading composition teachers? Steve Race presents the familiar and unfamiliar sides of Cole Porter's words and music and introduces performances by some of his greatest interpreters in this, the first of eight programmes. Tuesday, October 10 at 12:45 and 17:45.

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Just remember two things ... It's not Fair and Don't be Late

SET in August 1940, this play by Terence Frisby tells the story of two English boys who, like thousands of other children, were evacuated from London to a place in the country, safe from the threat of German bombing. But they have problems adapting to their second home — and the war, once remote, begins to edge closer when the elderly couple who care for them receive a telegram from the War Office. Terence Frisby narrates his play which stars Charles Clarke and Boris Hunds as the boys and Ray Smith and Petra Davies as the couple.

Sunday, October 8 at 21:30 Frequencies: 17.64 MH3/17.01 m

WHAT'S ON

SOCIAL

Colva Nite

OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salem Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel: 2413884, 244776; 56291-41 4310913 after 5 pm.

Breeze 89

Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of new Ramada Al Salam Hotel's new ballroom on 26, 10.89 at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Highlights include Made For Each Other Contest, a Ball Room Competition and a lot of surprises. For further information please contact Casmiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67, after 3.30 pm.

Moods & Melody

"Moods & Melody" performs "Geet Maala" — a presentation of pop songs from Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu films — on 12th October 1989 at Indian Arts

Sheba Sound

SHEBA Sound, a classical quartet of oboes, bassoon and harpsichord, will perform at

the Mousetrap Theatre on Oct 14, at 8:00 pm — price KD4; and at Messilah Beach Hotel on Oct 15, where the performance will include a sit-down dinner for KD9, inclusive.

Please ring 5382099 for reservation and look out for posters in Tanagra boutiques who are sponsoring the visit.

Kuwait Little Theatre — Ahmed

Auditions for the annual pantomime will take place in the theatre foyer on Oct 8 and 9 at 7.30 pm. Anyone interested in taking part in this production, either on stage or backstage, please come along. All newcomers welcome.

Bengali Cultural Society

Bengali Cultural Society celebrates Bijoya on 12th October. For details contact 4315561, 5613014, 5617036.

Kalpak's drama competition

KERALA Arts and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) is organising a Malayalam drama competition at Indian Arts Circle on 8th and 9th of February 1990.

One act plays of 40 minutes duration will be considered for the competition. Prizes will be

awarded for best drama, best script (only for amateur creation from Kuwait) best direction, stage setting, best actor (Prem Nazir Award) best actress and best child artist, from the selected entries.

Interested parties may send their applications along with a copy of the script to Mr Varghese Paradyayil, POB 47, 1300 Safat, Kuwait, no later than 31st Oct 1989.

For more details pls contact Varghese (Tel: 5635481), Kurien (Tel: 5638072) or Balakrishnan (Tel: 4316737).

Carnatic Music

THERE will be a Music Performance by Maharaajapuram Santhanam on October 17, 1989. For your reservations contact Tel: 5627718 or 5631230 or 5612114.

LTL Bazaar

ALL vendors who want to be in the bazaar must come to the vendor's meeting at the Kuwait International Hotel on October 8 from 4-6 pm in the Safat Room. For information call: 4873183 from 3:30 - 6 pm.

Sir Syed Day

Aligarh Muslim University old boys will celebrate Sir Syed

Day on 26th October at 8 p.m. at SAS Hotel.

Competitions for all participating children will be held in various categories in fancy dress, painting, general and Islamic knowledge etc. Please contact Farid Chowdhury (Tel: 4842037/5623585), Zahoorullah Shah (5657479/4891275) Salman Siddiqui (3923393).

Boys own club

Boys own club are happy to announce that they will organise their one day seven a side football festival on 12th of Oct. 1989 at Al Sour ground. The draw will be held at 6.30 am on the same day and the matches will start at 7 am sharp. This tournament has been sponsored by M/s Kuwaiti British Readymix Company.

Teams wishing to enter this tournament can contact Joe D'Souza on Tel No. 4813622/25 ext. 147.

Danish meeting

Oct 19, 7 pm. Daniella starts social season with "Grilleften" (BBO Evening) at the Gazele Club. For reservations please call Karen-Marie Tel: 3715146 or Winnie — Tel: 5733382 before Oct 17.

Milad Mahfil

THE Bangladesh Associa-

tion, Kuwait will hold a Milad Mahfil to observe Eid-e-MiladunNabi on Thursday, Oct 12 at 4.30 pm at the embassy premises. All Bangladeshis are invited.

British Council

HEAVENLY Pursuits: Saturday, Oct 14 and Sunday, Oct 15 at 6.30 pm (91 min.).

This is a gentle comedy which deals quietly, affectionately and sensitively with some controversial issues: faith versus science, belief versus scepticism, miracles versus the potential of men to rise above their circumstances. The acting is excellent and the photography reveals a whole new side of Glasgow. It is enjoyable, interesting and leaves one feeling good when the credits roll.

Lecture — The British MBA:

There will be a lecture in the British Council Gallery at 6.00 pm on Monday, Oct 9 on the subject of the Master of Business Administration degree in Britain. There will be information on institutions offering accredited full-time courses, details of entrance requirements, the cost of tuition fees and much more!

Woody Woodpecker and His Friends: Wednesday, Oct

18 at 6.00 pm; Thursday, Oct 18 at 10.30 pm. Meet the fast-talking Woody Woodpecker and his friends: Buss Buzzard, Chilly Willy, Wally Walrus and Andy Panda. Join them in their full-filled adventures and have a great time!

Free admission but please book seats by calling: 2515512, 2533204 and 2533227.

Bharat Mela

OCT 13: Bharat Mela '89, organised by UMO, continues on Oct 13 at the Indian embassy auditorium. The programme is as follows: 9 am — inter-school children's programme; 3 pm — symposium on "Democratic Socialism and Nehru"; 6 pm — a fancy dress competition for children. All are welcome.

Kuwait Cultural Centre

NEW courses at the cultural centre: yogic healing classes, two sessions in the evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays; jujutsu (martial arts), Saturday and Mondays, pm; Chinese cooking classes, Saturdays, 9-11 am. For details call 5624393.

Barefoot in the Park

THE Kuwait Players open their 1989/90 season with the comedy Barefoot in the Park, by Neil Simon. Directed by Ken Winston & produced by

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

Morning

- 9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.40 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 9.50 Around The World: Cartoon Serial
- 10.05 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.15 Shay Ismail Al Hobi Arabic Serial (part 7)
- 11.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 11.30 That's Incredible: Variety Programme
- 12.30 News Summary
- 12.35 Holy Quran and Closedown

Evening

- 4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 4.15 The World Today via Satellite
- 4.45 Al Forsan Al Thalatha: Cartoon Serial (part 8)
- 5.15 Cartoons
- 5.45 Night Chemists, Airlines and Official Advertisements
- 6.00 Al Tareeq Illa Al Oods: Historical Serial (part 8)

KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening Announcement & Holy Quran
- 6.10 The New Three Stooges: A cartoon series for children
- 6.30 Munsters Today. A film is produced about Herman's family, but the surprise is still ahead.
- 7.00 Mutual of Omaha's Man is the only enemy of elephants and rhinoceroses. The Wild Animals Protection Association cooperates with government to save such animals...
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Bergerac, "Prime Target." The body of a Jersey resident is discovered in St. Malo in France and Bergerac sent out by the bureau to investigate. There he becomes entangled with a solicitor and having an affair with a wealthy woman!
- 9.30 Life and Death. A look at hurricanes and storms which strike many areas leaving death and destruction behind...
- 10.00 The Robert Guillaume Show.
- 10.30 Bestseller. "Dada is Dead". Part-2. Kevin and Jef are sentenced to death, but Kevin's mother refuses to give up her son's case and struggles to set him free. Will she achieve her goal?...
- 12.00 News in Brief
- 12.15 Magazine D'Actualite



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One of the participants

Nehru Centenary celebration

A VOCAL and instrumental competition was held by the United Malayalee Organisation (UMO) as part of its Nehru Centenary celebration on Friday. The programme was opened by Indian First Secretary Abdul Khalique. Several participants took part in the competition, coordinated by Devadas Pannineserry and Nissar Ahmad. Names of winners will be announced shortly.

Messilah Beach Hotel Al Foz Room on Saturday Sept 30 from 7.15 pm. Why not give it a whirl? Ring 5623896 for more information.

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Aerobics with Chris Hill at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Mixed classes on Sundays and Tuesdays: 6:30 - 7.30 pm. Enquiries: 5624111 ext 751/751.

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SPORTS

- Dunhill Bridge
- THE Dunhill Bridge tournament 1989-90 begins on October 2 at the Messilah Beach Hotel. It will stretch over 17 weeks, time being 7.45pm every Monday. The best 9 scores will be considered and there are lots of prizes to be won.
- Kuwait Players
- Kuwait Players now auditioning for an extremely funny comedy/farce (to be staged in Nov). Auditions at

A CHILDREN'S sports festival will be held on Oct 27 at the University ground, Shwaikha. All Bangladeshi children are eligible to participate. Each participant will be given a free T-shirt. Willing participants are requested to contact any one of the following telephones for registration: 4840759, 4713036, 4312989, 4312730, 5716586, 3714353, 3626646.

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Toronto overcome Oakland

Blue Jays close gap

TORONTO, Oct 7. (Reuters): The Toronto Blue Jays fought their way back into the American League championship series with a convincing 7-3 come from behind victory over the Oakland Athletics last night.

The Jays erupted for four runs in the fourth inning to erase a 3-0 deficit and added three more in the seventh to score their first win of the best-of-seven game series.

The Athletics won the first two games in Oakland and hold a 2-1 edge, but the Blue Jays can level the series with a win in Toronto later this evening.

The National League championship series resumes in San Francisco this evening with the Giants and Chicago Cubs tied at one game each.

Toronto starting pitcher Jimmy Key got the victory, while

Storm Davis, who had not allowed a run in two previous career championship series starts, took the loss for Oakland.

Lloyd Moseby led off Toronto's big inning with a walk that was followed by singles from Mookie Wilson and Fred McGriff to load the bases.

Blue Jays slugger George Bell knocked in his team's first run with a sacrifice fly to left field.



Blue Jays' Tom Henke (left) and Tony Fernandez slap hands. (Reuter wirephoto)



Tony Fernandez hits a double to rightfield during 4th innings. (Reuter wirephoto)

The two remaining runners scored to level the game 3-3 when Tony Fernandez lined a double toward the right field corner.

Ernie Whitt then singled Fernandez home to give the Blue Jays a 4-3 lead that they never relinquished.

The Jays extended their lead with a three-run seventh inning that victimized three Oakland pitchers.

Fernandez started the rally with his second double and one out later Davis intentionally walked Kelly Gruber.

Davis was replaced by Rick Honeycutt, who gave up singles to Manny Lee and Junior Felix that put the Jays ahead 5-3. Honeycutt walked Moseby with bases loaded to force in another run and he was relieved by Gene Nelson.

Wilson then singled to right field to bring Lee home. A strong throw by Jose Canseco caught Felix trying to score and prevented an eight run, but the damage was done and the Jays were well on their way to victory.

Oakland drew first blood in the first inning when Rickey Henderson scored on a Mark McGwire sacrifice fly.



Athletics Ricky Henderson grimaces as he catches his foot on the base. (Reuter wirephoto)

Karpov outplays Yusupov

LONDON, Oct 7. (AP): Anatoly Karpov moved into a 2-1 lead in the World Chess Championship candidates' semifinal yesterday after his fellow Soviet Arthur Yusupov resigned their adjourned third round game without resuming play.

Play had been adjourned after six hours of battle Thursday with Karpov holding an overwhelming advantage in an endgame.

Yvette Nagel, a match official, said Yusupov gave up yesterday morning.

The winner of the candidates' cycle will challenge world champion Garry Kasparov for his title in a 24-game match in October 1990. The winners of the eight-game semifinal contests will face off in the candidates' final next March.

In the second semifinal, Jan Timman of the Netherlands was leading British grandmaster Jon Speelman 2-1 after winning their second round on Tuesday. Their third round, Thursday, was drawn, and they did not play yesterday. Play resumes this evening.

A win scores one point and a draw a half.

Karpov's victory follows an exciting zig-zag struggle where Yusupov appeared on the verge of a

dramatic triumph over Karpov, who held the world title for 10 years until losing to Kasparov in 1985.

But in the final minutes of play on Thursday, Yusupov's nerve snapped. He made a grave mistake on the 59th move and lost a bishop.

Last Monday, Kasparov won a top-notch tourna-

ment in the Dutch port city with a crushing score of 12 points out of 14.

The result is likely to catapult the 26-year-old titleholder past America's Bobby Fischer as the highest ranked player of all time, when the bi-annual international ranking list is published on January 1.

For the past five years, Karpov, 38, and Kasparov have been locked in a bitter personal and professional battle stretching over a record-shattering four world title bouts.

Karpov is favourite to win the candidates' cycle and faceoff against Kasparov for a fifth time.

"Karpov has been badly off form in this match. He was in trouble in the second game as well," Garcia said. "But now he's won a game he will be able to pull himself up. He's very likely to win the match now."

If either contest ends in a 4-4 tie, two further games will be played.

Tyson in great shape for fight

ALBANY, New York, Oct 7, (AP): Heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson, who moved his training camp from Las Vegas, is in great shape for his upcoming title fight against Canadian champion Donovan "Razor" Ruddock, his spokesman said.

Tyson went eight five-minute rounds with 30-second rests yesterday with three sparring partners, including former heavyweight champion Greg Page, said Paul Sciria, Cleveland-based spokesman for boxing promoter Don King.

Earlier in the day, Tyson, who arrived in Albany late Thursday, ran four miles (6 kilometers) and did 200 sit-ups, said Tyson trainer Aaron Snowwell of Orwell, Ohio.

Both vulnerable, South deals.

NORTH

♦ 8 4
♥ A K 9 7 5
♦ J 9 8
♦ 9 8 4

WEST

♦ K 7 3
♦ 9 6 5 2
♥ J 6 4 2
♦ Q J 10 6

EAST

♦ 9 10 8 3
♦ 3
♦ 7 4
♦ 5 7 3 2

SOUTH

♦ A Q J 10
♦ Void
♦ A K Q 10 6 5 2
♦ A K

The bidding:

South West North East
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
7 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

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Had the heart suit not divided evenly, declarer would have had to cross back to the board with the last trump and try the spade finesse. However, this was his lucky day. Hearts were 4-4, and a long heart was established in dummy. The jack of diamonds provided the entry, and declarer was able to discard the queen of spades, thus making the slam without having to resort to a finesse.

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SPORTS

Bilek takes Czechoslovakia past Portugal

PRAGUE, Oct. 8. (AP): Michal Bilek elevated himself to hero status when he netted two goals to give Czechoslovakia a 2-1 victory over Portugal in their World Cup Group Seven qualifier yesterday.

Bilek struck first in the 11th minute of the match by driving home a penalty for the match's first goal. Bilek picked up the ball with his right foot and delivered it safely to the left-hand corner of the net, out of reach of the outstretched fingertips of Portuguese goalie Silvino.

Filipino Bowling

Cabana set new record

By Sonny R. Mariano

WITH only two playing days left, the final outcome of the ongoing PBAK Inter-Commercial Bowling League is still a toss-up between League leaders National and NTC while Cabana with their record breaking feat on Friday still have a slim chance to snatch the title from the two leading teams.

The Cabana Banana Magnates recorded a total of 62 points this week which broke the previous high mark of 61 points. They also recorded a new record team High Game with 1062 pinfalls and the Team High Series with their 2962 pinfalls. National on the other hand collected 57 points while the NTC Traders garnered 59 big points.

The High Game for the week was submitted by Tectron's Osman with a score of 245 while Banana King Lando Maradona recorded the high series with his 628.

Results of the other matches in the men's division are as follows: (read points/remainder) Tectron 59/7; Al Rashed Freight 56/22; Penguins 56/10; Magnolia 54/17; Hempel 53/2; Phil Supreme 53/34; Trico 52/44; Pullman 50/6; 54/0; Jokers 49/31, 50/20.

In the women's division, Far East Restaurant have virtually retained the title with their victory over Trico 53-50 while Al Sara Design lead the other two teams for the first runner-up honours after defeating Canara 52-46.

Nitz Alinea of Trico registered the High Game with her 224 while the High Series belonged to Amy Abdou of Al Sara.

The following members of the All Filipino PBAK battle royal selection will have a team practice on Tuesday, October 10, at 8:00 pm at the 300 Club bowling lanes: Lando Cabrao, Beda Borja, Mel Cervera, Pete Valisno Jr., Mar Evangelista, Jun Chong, Edwin Nepomuceno, Caloy Abesamis, Jesus Ventus, Arthur Reyes, Tony Lacson and Rico Pino.

The actual game against the Jordanian Community Bowling Association selection will be on October 12, Thursday, from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm also at the 300 Club.

Announcement to all PBAK officers — there will be a meeting on Sunday October 15 at Far East Restaurant at 7:00 pm. Matters to be discussed are the forthcoming PBAK KKB picnic, the third masters tournament and the rest of the scheduled PBAK activities.

Brazil name 17-man team for friendly

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Oct. 7. (AP): Coach Sebastiano Lazaroni of the Brazilian national soccer team named a 17-player lineup yesterday for an Oct. 14 exhibition game against Italy in Bologna.

Nine of the 17 named to the squad are Brazilian stars playing for European teams.

The top "European" named was striker Careca, who plays for Italy's Naples team and has been called the world's best soccer player by his teammate Diego Maradona of Argentina.

Careca will be joined by five other Brazilians playing in Italy, two in Portugal and one in Germany.

Top players convoked from Brazilian teams included goalie Taffarel, of Porto Alegre's International, and defence standout Mauro Galvao of Rio's Botafogo team, last season's state champion.

But the squad named is perhaps more noted for those missing than for those called.

Mozer, Romario, Branco, Ricardo and Valdo — the latter four starters in the World Cup elimination games and during Brazil's June triumph in the America Cup tournament, the South American championship — were not released by their European squads.

Rebelo, who plays for Rio's Vasco team and led the Brazilian team in scoring during the America Cup, was not named due to a leg injury.

With the half-time score at 1-0, the Portuguese came back on the field a determined and fleet-footed side. However they were powerless to break through the solid Czechoslovak defence, which refused to open up any scoring possibilities.

A diving header by Rui Aguias 10 minutes into the second half failed to find its mark, but his second attempt 12 minutes later, which came off a rebound off the crossbar, equalized at 1-1. Jubilation from the 28,000 fans greeted

Bilek's second goal, a perfectly placed lob which just cleared the crossbar and dropped neatly into the net in the 82nd minute to give the Czechoslovaks their 2-1 victory over the visitors.

The match was characterized by scrappy play

by both sides, and West German referee Wolf Schmidhuber had his hands full controlling the two sides. He sent off Stanislav Griga in the 18th minute and handed out a brace of yellow cards to Griga, Jan Kocian, Pedro Venancio, Adelino

Nunes, Antonio Andre and Paolo Futre.

The win puts the Czechoslovaks two points

ahead of Portugal and second to Belgium on the group table. The two sides have been neck and neck in the competition. They have two matches each left to play, including a rematch in Portugal on Nov. 15.

Table leaders Belgium maintain their lead of 10 points to Czechoslovakia's nine, but have only one match remaining to play.



Paul Azinger seen taking a breathing test prior to the 1988 Tour de France. (Reuter wirephoto)

Azinger equals record

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Oct. 7. (Reuter): Paul Azinger equalled the course record with an eight-under-par 62 yesterday to grab a three-stroke second round lead at the \$600,000 Texas Open tournament.

Azinger's 14-under-par 36-hole total of 126 put him three strokes clear of Donnie Hammond, who was alone in second place after a six-under 64 on the 6,376-yard course.

A group of seven golfers including first round co-leaders Mark Wiebe and Lanny Wadkins were tied for third place at 10-under-par 130. Also at 130 were Bob Lohr, Duffy Waldorf, Loren Roberts, Steve Pate and Don Pooley.

Tom Sieckmann, who also owned a piece of the lead after 18 holes, was another stroke back with Hale Irwin at 131.

Wadkins had brought his total to 13-under, but two bogeys and a double bogey on the back nine dropped him into third.

Azinger, who did not commit to this event until three hours prior to the deadline, said he finally decided to play the tournament because "the fish stopped biting at home."

He also said: "I really love this course and I missed the cut at Bank of Boston so I haven't made a move on the money list for six weeks."

Azinger, who finished 3-1 at the Ryder Cup including a dramatic victory over Seve Ballesteros, starting on the back nine with a birdie on the 10th hole.

Ozaki ahead

NAGOYA, Japan, Oct. 7. (Reuter): Japan's Masashi "Jumbo" Ozaki stepped up his defense of the Japan Open golf title by firing a three-under-par 67 to extend his lead to three strokes after the third round of the 60 million yen (\$430,000) tournament today.

Ozaki, who led by one shot overnight, birdied six holes and bogeyed three others on the 6,473-yard Wago course for a nine-under total of 201.

Fignon tests positive

PARIS, Oct. 7. (AP): Laurent Fignon, the French cycling star who won the 1983 and 1984 Tours de France, tested positive for a banned stimulant after a race in the Netherlands, the French federation of cycling said yesterday.

But contrary to reports, Fignon says he asked for a second opinion and never got a satisfactory answer.

The Dutch newspaper Haagsche Courant reported yesterday that a doping test following the Sept. 17 Grand Prix de la Libération in the southern Dutch city of Eindhoven revealed that Fignon had used amphetamines, an illegal class of stimulants.

Fignon's team, Super U, finished second in the race.

The Haagsche Courant said Fignon, who finished second in this year's Tour de France only eight seconds behind US cyclist Greg Lemond, had declined to ask for a second test, which he was entitled to under international rules.

In Paris, Francois Alaphilippe, president of the French Cycling Federation, confirmed in a statement yesterday that Fignon had tested positive for doping after the event.

Alaphilippe said the Dutch Royal Cycling Federation had learned several days ago that Fignon tested positive.

"Fignon was informed in time to permit a second test," Alaphilippe said. "He made it known he wouldn't ask for one. We can interpret the fact that Laurent Fignon refused a second test in different ways. Maybe he objected to the control procedure."

But Fignon, in a statement released in Paris by his team, said that he had indeed sought a second opinion.

"In fact, I asked it be done by another laboratory than the one that did the first test," the statement quoted Fignon. "It is in effect abnormal for two analyses to be done by the same laboratory that did the first test. My request was not satisfied," Fignon said.

"Consequently I asked that the federation keep, at the disposal of the courts, the second sample for a counter-examination," Fignon said.

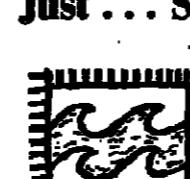
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Maradona denies

NAPLES, Italy, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Diego Maradona has denied he is considering leaving Napoli despite suggesting in midweek the possibility of a future transfer of Marseille of France. "I don't think I'll be leaving Napoli at the end of this season," Maradona told the Italian sports daily *Corriere dello Sport* in an interview published today. "I want to stay until this whole matter is cleared up. Then I'll talk to the Napoli president (Corrado Ferlaino)." He added.

Lendl triumphs

STUTTGART, West Germany, Oct. 7. (Reuters): World number one Ivan Lendl overcame early service breaks in each set to beat Argentina's Alberto Martin 6-2, 6-3 and reach the final of the \$350,000 Stuttgart Classic men's tennis tournament yesterday.

Doping rules

SOFIA, Oct. 7. (Reuters): The number of drug testing laboratories in Europe should be increased from 11 to 22 representatives of 26 European national and state sports organisations recommended yesterday.

Player ahead

CLEMMONS, North Carolina, Oct. 7. (AP): Gary Player had the course record — his own course record set in another decade on another tour — in mind and in sight. "I knew what it was, and I was thinking about it," he said after establishing a two-shot lead yesterday in the first round of the RJR Championship.

Queensland Open

BRISBANE, Australia, Oct. 7. (AP): Sweden's Niklas Kroon and Australian Mark Woodcock reached the championship match of the 180,000 Queensland Open tennis championships with semi-final victories today.

Cup qualifier

GUATEMALA CITY, Oct. 7. (UPI): The US national soccer team will be without three key players for its critical World Cup qualifying game tomorrow against Guatemala. Hugo Perez, a mainstay in midfield, tore a thigh muscle last week while playing in a French league game and is expected to be sidelined about six weeks.

Strolz injured

FELDKIRCH, Austria, Oct. 7. (UPI): Austrian Olympic skier Hubert Strolz will be out of action for up to 14 days after suffering knee injuries during training sessions, his doctor said.

W. German soccer

BONN, Oct. 7. (Reuters): West German First Division soccer results yesterday. Waldhof M. 1 - Borussia 2; Hamburg 1 - Nuremberg 2; Cologne 1 - Homburg 0; Karlsruhe 2 - Dusseldorf 0; Kaiserslautern 0 - Bayern Munich 0; Bayern Uerdingen 0 - B. Leverkusen 0; VfG Stuttgart 4 - St Pauli 0; Bochum 0 - Werder Bremen 0; Eintracht 0 - Borussia D. 2.

Lendl wins

STUTTGART, West Germany, Oct. 7. (AP): Ivan Lendl, the world's top-ranked men's player, overcame a troublesome first serve and beat Olympic champion Miroslav Meiric, a fellow Czech, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, in the final of the \$350,000 Stuttgart Classic tennis tournament today.

Miandad may not play in Cup

LAHORE, Pakistan, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Pakistan vice-captain Javed Miandad has a back strain and is doubtful for the three-nation Sharjah Cup one-day cricket tournament starting in Dubai on October 12.

In spite of the problem, Miandad was named in the squad today along with newcomers Sohail Fazal and Shahid Saeed, both all-rounders, and pace bowler Waqar Younis.

Quod: Ramaz Raja, Shoaib Mohammad, Salim Malik, Ejaz Ahmad, Javed Miandad, Sohal Fazal, Shahid Saeed, Salim Yousaf, Abdul Qadir, Mushtaq Ahmad, Imran Khan (captain), Anqib Javed, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis.

On standby for the Sharjah Cup and subsequent Nehru Cup in India are: Aamir Malik, Salim Jaffer, Mansoor Rana, Akram Raza and Aamer Haufi.

Jansher beats Dittmar to regain world title

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Pakistani Jansher Khan fought back from two games down to recapture his World Open squash title with a 10-15, 6-15, 15-4, 15-11, 15-10 victory in the final over Australia's Chris Dittmar.

Left-hander Dittmar had taken 111 minutes to beat defending champion Jahangir Khan of Pakistan in yesterday's semifinals, and the strain of that encounter ultimately took its toll in the drawn-out battle with second seed Jansher.

Dittmar raced ahead with aggressive squash to take the first two games, winning the second in 14 minutes, but the third seed was too tired to make a contest of the third

game and played the fourth without too much vigour.

The Australian opened a 6-0 lead in the deciding game and resisted Jansher's fight-back until the scores were 9-9. But then Dittmar's stamina expired and the Pakistani completed his win.

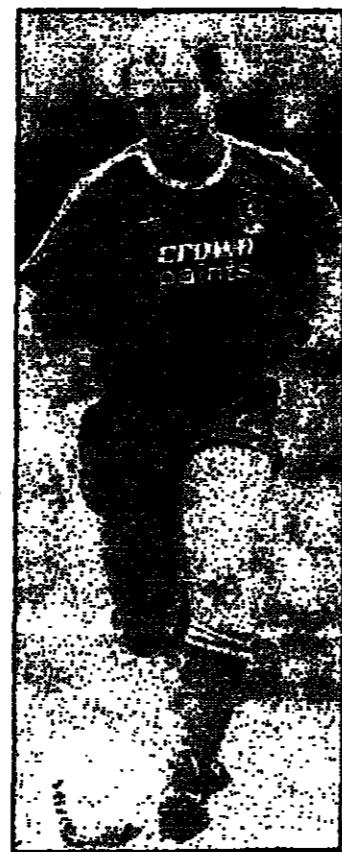
Jansher, who also beat Dittmar in the

1987 final in Birmingham, England, said he had far from given up hope when he trailed 6-0 in the decider.

"Having beaten him in the Singapore Open and Hong Kong Open, I had confidence and I hung on because I knew Dittmar was very tired and that he would crack at any minute," Jansher said.

Sheffield United edge Wolves

Robson gets another injury scare



Steve McMahon
seemed to surprise goalie Mark Kendall with a 20-metre (20-yard) shot.

Standings

		English Division Four									
		English Division Two									
		English Division Three									
Southend	10	6	4	0	20	10	22				
Sunderland	10	5	4	1	19	12	19				
Leeds	9	5	4	1	15	9	17				
Newcastle	10	5	3	2	18	8	17				
Orient	10	5	2	2	12	17	17				
Plymouth	10	5	1	4	16	12	16				
Brighton	10	5	0	5	17	14	15				
West Brom.	10	4	3	3	17	16	15				
West Ham.	10	4	3	3	12	15	15				
Bournemouth	10	4	2	4	18	19	14				
Watford	10	4	2	4	11	14	14				
Ipswich	10	3	4	3	16	16	13				
Swindon	10	3	3	4	18	18	17				
Notts County	10	3	3	4	15	17	12				
Derby	10	3	2	3	11	11	11				
Middlesbrough	9	3	2	4	14	15	11				
Bradford	10	2	5	3	11	12	11				
Port Vale	10	2	5	3	8	10	11				
Stoke	10	0	7	3	9	14	7				
Plymouth Argyle	10	1	3	6	7	17	6				
Hull	10	0	5	5	12	18	5				
Leicester	10	1	2	7	9	18	5				
Blackpool	9	7	0	2	24	6	21				
Bristol City	9	6	2	1	17	10	18				
Bolton	9	5	3	2	11	10	15				
Fulham	9	4	3	2	9	6	15				
Huddersfield	9	4	3	2	13	12	15				
Shrewsbury	9	4	2	3	15	11	14				
Tranmere	9	7	0	2	24	6	21				
Bristol Rovers	9	6	2	1	11	3	30				
Bury	9	5	3	1	17	10	18				
Rotherham	9	5	2	1	20	9	17				
Walsall	9	4	3	2	11	10	15				
Wigan	9	4	3	2	10	10	11				
Wolverhampton	9	4	3	2	11	10	15				
Cardiff	9	1	1	0	8	11	6				
Wigan	9	0	4	3	7	16	4				

Richards confident of success

ST. JOHNS, Antigua, Oct. 7. (Reuters): West Indies captain Viv Richards, his appetite for cricket renewed by a break from the sport, is confident his team will win the forthcoming Sharjah and Nehru Cup one-day tournaments.

"We have picked a side geared to the one-day competition and with the blend of youth and experience we should come out on top," said Richards, who was leaving today for Sharjah, the first leg of the trip.

Richards, who did not start his two-year contract with English county Glamorgan last season because of a nagging medical problem, used the time to recuperate in Antigua.

Cartier Million
DUBLIN, Oct. 7. (Reuters): The Caretaker, given a dream ride up the inside rail by Irish champion jockey Michael Kinane, today ran out an easy winner of the Cartier Million, Europe's richest horse race for two year olds. The 8-1 shot landed the 500,000 punt (\$750,000) prize by an easy three lengths from the bold fancied Sheikh Mohammed pair Cullinan, who started at 9-2, 5-2 favourite Anshan.

The Blades took the lead five minutes into the second half of a cold, wet, windy day when Wolverhampton failed to clear the ball and Gannon drilled in a low shot from 18 metres (18 yards).

The victory moved Sheffield United up to 22 points from 10 matches, giving it a lead of three points over Sunderland — which got a pair of Eric Gates goals and one by Marco Gabbiadini to rally for a 3-2 home victory over Bournemouth.

Meanwhile, Steve Hodge gave England soccer manager Bobby Robson another World Cup injury scare today when he pulled up in training with a hamstring strain.

An anxious Robson immediately sent the Nottingham Forest midfielder back to England's hotel for treatment from physiotherapist Fred Street as his injury list mounted to six players.

"Steve complained about a sore and tight hamstring so I pulled him off immediately and sent him for treatment, explained Robson.

Hodge has not added to his 16 caps since England beat Denmark over a year ago, but yesterday's withdrawal of injured winger John Barnes means he would have expected to be on the substitutes' bench in Katowice.

The England manager is particularly pleased with the form of captain Bryan Robson.

Results

English Division Two

Blackburn v. West Bromwich - Postponed

Bradford 2 - Brighton 0

Hull 2 - Swindon 1; Ipswich 2 - Oldham 0; Oxford 2 - Stoke 1; Plymouth 2 - Port Vale 0; Port Vale 2 - Walsall 0; West Ham 0 - Leeds 0; Wolverhampton 1 - Sheffield U 2.

English Division Three

Bolton 2 - Aldershot 0; Bradford 2 - Barnet 0; Bristol R. 2 - Chester 0; Chesterfield 2 - Grimsby 0; Hull 2 - Hartlepool 0; Ipswich 2 - Maidstone 0; Peterborough 2 - Stockport 0; Preston 2 - Torquay 0; Stoke 2 - Tunbridge Wells 0; Walsall 2 - Blackpool 0; Wigan 2 - Tranmere 0.

English Division Four

Aldershot 2 - Colchester 0; Carlisle 2 - Wrexham 0; Chesterfield 2 - Lincoln 0; Grimsby 2 - Rockdale 0; Ipswich 2 - Scunthorpe 0; Maidstone 2 - Peterborough 0; Peterborough 2 - Scarborough 0; Preston 2 - Stockport 0; Stoke 2 - Doncaster 0; Tranmere 2 - York 0; Walsall 2 - Halifax 0; Wigan 2 - Leyton O 0.

Scottish Division One

Albion 2 - Dundee 0; Arbroath 2 - Greenock 0; Ayr 2 - Queen of S. 0; Clyde 2 - Hamilton 0; Meadowbank 2 - Clyde 0; Partick 2 - Falkirk 0; St. Johnstone 1 - Morton 0; Morton 2 - Stranraer 0; Stenhousemuir 2 - Stirling 0.

Scottish Division Two

Arbroath 2 - Dunbar 0; Brechin 2 - Brechin 0; Queen of S. 2 - Berwick 0; Stirling 3 - Kilmarnock 0; Queen's Park 2 - Dundee 0; Stenhousemuir 2 - Stirling 0.</p